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MADRAS BID FOR CONGRESS-LEAGUE DEAL

"Pakistan" Controversy And National Peril

LEGISLATURE PARTY'S CALL FOR TRUCE

Plea For Coalition Ministry In Madras

MADRAS, April 23.

A resolution recommending to the All India Congress Committee to "acknowledge the Muslim League's claim for separation should the same be persisted in when the time comes for framing the future constitution of India" and to "invite the Muslim League for consultation for the purpose of arriving at an agreement and securing the installation of a National Government to meet the present emergency" was passed by the Madras Congress Legislature Party at its meeting this afternoon Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, leader of the party presiding.

Bid For Popular Govt.

The meeting also passed a resolution voicing "the general feeling in this part of the country that there should be at this critical juncture a Popular Government in this Province doing its utmost to secure the requisite conditions for the people to play their part. The party is of opinion further that to facilitate united and effective action in this regard by such a Popular Government, the Muslim League should be invited to participate in it."

The party requested the A.I.C.C. to permit the party to take steps to this end, notwithstanding the general All-India Policy followed by the Congress.

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The Hindi Prachar Sabha Hall where the meeting was held, was packed with members of both the Houses of the Madras Legislature, members of the Central Assembly, Presidents and Secretaries of District and Local Congress Committees in the Presidency.

Prominent members who attended included Mr. Bulusu Sambamurthi, Speaker of the Madras Leglisative Assembly, Mr. T. Prakasam, Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, Dr. P. Subbaroyan, Mr. B. Gopal Reddi Mr. Munuswami Pillai, Mr. S. Ramanathan, ex-Ministers; Mrs. Radhabai Subbaroyan, Mr. K. Santanam, Mr. Anantasayanam Iyengar and Mr. Avanasalingam Chetty, members of the Central Legislature. Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari and Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan also attended the meeting on invitation.

In all 25 members participated in the discussions which lasted full six hours. The proceedings were not open to the Press.

Only members of the Madras Congress Legislature Party were allowed to vote on the resolutions.

The first resolution regarding the Muslim League demand for separation was passed by 37 votes against 6. Three remained neutral.

The second resolution was passed by 39 against 2. Five remained neutral.

Text Of Resolutions

The following is the full text of the resolutions:—

"The Madras Legislature Congress Party notes with deep regret that the attempts to establish a National Government for India to enable her to face the problems arising out of the present grave situation have failed and that as a result of this, Nationalist India has been placed in a dilemma.

It is impossible for the people to think in terms of neutrality or passivity during an invasion by an enemy power. Neither is it practicable to organise any effective defence independently and un-co-ordinated with the defence measures of the Government.

It is absolutely and urgently necessary in the best interests of the country at this hour of peril to do all that Congress can possibly do to remove every obstacle in the way of the establishment of a National Administration to face the present situation;

UNWISE POLICY

And, therefore, inasmuch as the Muslim League has insisted on the recognition of the right of separation of certain areas from United India, upon the ascertainment of the wishes of the people of such areas, as a condition precedent for a united national action at this moment of grave national danger, this Party is of opinion, and recommends to the All-India Congress Committee, that to sacrifice the chances of the formation of a National Government at this grave crisis for the doubtful advantage of maintaining a controversy over the unity of India is a most unwise policy and that it has become necessary to choose the lesser evil and acknowledge the Muslim League's claim for separation should the same be persisted in when the time comes for framing a constitution for India and thereby remove all doubts and fears in this regard, and to invite the Muslim League for a consultation for the purpose of arriving at an agreement and securing the installation of a National Government to meet the present emergency."

Restore Popular Govt. In Madras

The second resolution moved from the chair and adopted by the meeting reads as follows:—

"Whereas the Province of Madras is seriously threatened with enemy invasion and practically all the districts are under daily expectation of bombardment and enemy landings, and life is consequently subjected to growing dislocation all round;

Whereas it is suicidal for the present, and disastrous for the future, for the people's elected representatives to remain passive and let the people suffer under these conditions all the incidents of the present autocratic administration, and also submit aggression without participation in the defence of the motherland;

And whereas participation in defence is practicable only if the people are armed and organised to some extent and inspired for sacrifice;

PLEA FOR PERMISSION

The Madras Legislature Congress Party voices the general feeling in this part of the country that there should be at this critical juncture a popular Government in this Province doing its utmost to secure the requisite conditions for the people to play their part. The Party is of opinion further that to facilitate united and effective action in this regard by such a popular Government, the Muslim League should be invited to participate in it. This party, therefore, requests the All-India Congress Committee to permit this party to take steps to this end, notwithstanding the general All-India policy followed by the Congress."

R. A. F. RAIDS ON SICILY

Increased Patrol Activity In Libya: Benghazi Harbour Bombed

LONDON, April 23.

Slightly increased patrol activity is taking place in Libya it is stated authoritatively in London to-day.

CAIRO: To-day's R.A.F. Middle East Communique states: "The harbour and other objectives at Benghazi were raided by our Bomber Aircraft during Monday and Tuesday nights. Night attacks were also made in Derna, Martuba and Tmimi areas. Fighter aircraft were again active by day in the same region while further west motor transport on the Gedabya road and an enemy merchant vessel off the Cyrenaica coast were attacked with cannon and machine-gun fire.

EIGHT AXIS PLANES SHOT DOWN

Eight enemy aircraft were shot down over Malta during the raids on April 21 and yesterday, three by our fighters and five by A.-A. artillery.

R. A. F. RAIDS ON SICILY

The Sicilian aerodrome of Comisso and targets at Augusta were bombed during Tuesday night. One of our aircraft is missing."

ROME:—The R.A.F. bombed Comisso in Sicily last night, states a communique. The communique also states that Ragussa in Sicily was also bombed by the R.A.F.

Thursday's 'communique' reports that R. A. F. raided Ragusa and again Comiso, both in Sicily last night. The 'communique' adds that German bombing attacks continue on Malta and there was normal patrol activity in Cyrenaica.

LE HAVRE DOCKS BOMBED

LONDON, April 23.

Air Ministry communique on Thursday states: "Last night our bombers attacked objectives in the Rhineland and docks at Le Havre. Four of our aircraft are missing."—Reuter.

On Burma Front

BR. FORCES IN WEST TO BE WITHDRAWN

No Further Fighting In Yenangyaung Area

NEW DELHI, April 23.

Press "Communique":

Reports from the Irrawaddy front state that there had been no further fighting in the Yenangyaung area.

In the west, our forces are now being withdrawn from the Taungdwingyi area, where for a long time, they have held their positions and successfully protected our Allies' right flank.

No reports have been received from the Chinese Expeditionary Force:—A. P.

SECRET SESSION OF COMMONS

No Further War Debate At An Early Date

LONDON, April 23.

At the conclusion of the secret session of the House of Commons on the war situation, which lasted for four and half hours—much less than was expected — doubts were expressed whether it would be necessary to have another public debate at an early date.

It was felt by many members, learns Reuter's political correspondent, that to ask Mr. Churchill to make another speech on the war situation during the next series of sittings would be an imposition on his time, not warranted by the circumstances. Although Mr. Attlee has made speeches on the war situation in Mr. Churchill's absence from the country, the Commons would feel there was an air of unreality about a debate in which the Prime Minister took no part.

The views of the members will be conveyed to the Government during the week-end after the various parties have had an opportunity of considering today's debate. The present indications are that some time will lapse before there is further discussion on the war situation.—Reuter.

Mahatma And A. I. C. C.

WARDHA, April 23.

It is understood it is unlikely that Mahatma Gandhi will attend the meeting of the A. I. C. C. to be held at Allahabad at the end of the month.

Mr. Achut Patwardhan, who was recently released from the Yerawada Jail is expected to arrive here to-morrow to see Mahatma Gandhi.—A. P.

FREEDOM THROUGH UNITY

Jawahar's Address To Golaghat Public

GOLAGHAT, April 23.

Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, after visiting the evacuees' camp at Dimapur on April 21, came to Golaghat and addressed a public meeting on the following day.

In the course of his speech Pandit Nehru explained the Congress programme of self-protection and self-sufficiency and exhorted his audience not to rely on gossips that any power would be giving India freedom unless she freed herself through unity, like a brave nation.

Pt. Jawaharlal was accompanied by Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, ex-Premier, Mr. Fakruddin Ahmed, ex-Finance Minister, and Mr. Tayebulla, President of the Provincial Congress Committee.—A. P.

ALLAHABAD PLANS RECEPTION TO AZAD

ALLAHABAD, April 23.

The General Secretary of the Organising Committee of the A.I.C.C. Session at Allahabad announces that in connection with the Congress meetings here there will be a grand volunteers rally in the afternoon of April 25.

On the 26th April Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, will be accorded a public reception at the railway station. The President will perform the Flag hoisting ceremony at the pandal in the evening of April 29.

Five hundred volunteers, including 100 women volunteers, are being enrolled for the session.—A. P.

Frontier Martyrs' Day

PESHAWAR, April 23.

The Frontier Martyrs' Day was observed here to-day.

A procession of Khudai Khidmatgars was taken out. Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Dr. Khan Sahib, Khan Ali Gul Khan, President of the Frontier Provincial Congress Committee, Arbab Abdul Rahman Khan, President of the Peshawar District Congress Committee, and Hakim Abdul Jalel Nadni, President of the Peshawar City Congress Committee, headed the procession.—United Press.

WHITE PAPER ON INDIA

Labour Party's Attitude To Cripps' Mission: Next Move Should Come From India?

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 23.

A White Paper on India, a document of 22,000 words, containing the statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons on March 11 last, the draft declaration by His Majesty's Government for discussion with Indian leaders dated March 30, correspondence of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, and Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, resolution of Indian States' delegation and the resolutions and statements by representative bodies in British India—Indian States' delegation, Congress Working Committee, Muslim League Working Committee, Hindu Mahasabha, Depressed Classes, All-Sikh Party Committee, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Mr. M R. Jayakar—was published this morning. The document is engaging the consideration of all Parties in Parliament. The Labour Party's Parliamentary Committee discussed the White Paper this morning for three hours.

It is understood that on the first day of the sitting of the House a series of debates on India will be opened by Sir Stafford Cripps, who will be followed by Mr. Gordon MacDonald on behalf of the Labour Party.

It is not certain whether the Labour Party will be very critical of the failure of the Cripps' mission but it is gathered that the general feeling of the Party is that Sir Stafford was the right man to undertake the job and he did his best.

It is not expected that hopes will be held forth for any move being made from the British side. The House is expected to support the Government view that the next move must come from the Indian leaders.

Answering a question in the House of Commons today regarding India, Sir Stafford Cripps said that he would make a statement on the subject at the next sitting of the House.

STATEMENT ON CRIPPS' MISSION

LONDON, April 23.

Sir Stafford Cripps was heartily cheered when he resumed his position to-day as leader of the Commons. He announced that he would make a statement on his mission to India shortly and that this would be followed by a debate.

He added: "At the end of the debate we shall ask the House to agree to a motion for continuance in force of the Proclamation made under the Government of India Act."—Reuter.

Cripps Lifts Veil Over Delhi Talks

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 23.

Representatives of the "Free World Press" gave, Sir Stafford Cripps a warm welcome yesterday afternoon. He answered in cheerful and confident tone a barrage of questions on the recent negotiations in India.

Answering questions Sir S. Cripps said that Clause (E) of the draft declaration was deliberately left vague in order to give an opportunity for the widest discussion for arriving at a solution.

Asked whether the attitude of the Muslim League was not satisfactory Sir Cripps said the Muslim League expressed its opinion on the plan only after the Congress rejection (laughter) and I was not so much worried about the Muslim League's attitude.

When Sir S. Cripps asserted that formation of a Government on the lines suggested by the Congress would have meant dictatorship of group forming the Government as they would not be responsible to the legislature nor to the Viceroy, Mr. William Mellor pointed out that such dictatorship existed in the formation of the present British Government.

Sir S. Cripps replied. "Fortunately I am not debating here the basis of the formation of the British Government.

When another journalist outpointed that the Congress leaders were not prepared to trust the Viceroy and Sir Stafford was not prepared to trust them, Sir S. Cripps replied: "Oh, no. I trusted them. I say the Congress would not agree to discuss conventions with the Viceroy who was the appropriate authority. If he were to form the new Government it must form his duty and responsibility, not mine, to discuss with leaders what Conventions they contemplated. I visualised that if the plan had been acceptable, the Viceroy would have next day sent for say Pandit Nehru and Mr. Jinnah for consultation as to formation and personnel of the new Government. I offered to stay in India in that case in order to help to iron out any fresh difficulties that may then arise. But the Congress simply would not discuss with the Viceroy.

Referring to Indian defence Sir S. Cripps said: "I detected a sense of urgency in view of the Japanese menace among Indian leaders in my talks with them. All Indian leaders have assured me that they are going to co-operate with us to make the defence of India complete and successful. I hope you have seen Pandit Nehru's statements to the press to the Indian peoples on this. Sentiments similar to Nehru's have also been expressed by other leaders. I am more than satisfied that when the question of the actual defence of India comes good will come out of the recent negotiations. India's defences will be definitely good. In some parts of the country the Congress has already organised excellent A.R.P. services and also Home Guards units. They will be very useful. I do not see any reason why there should not be complete co-operation between non-official effort and the official one.

KING RECEIVES CRIPPS

LONDON, April 23.

The King at Buckingham Palace to-day received Sir Stafford Cripps who gave a long account of his mission in India.—Reuter.

Big Soviet Offensive Imminent

RIVAL PARTIES MUSTER THEIR FORCES

Nazi Raids On Caucasia: Red Army Pierces German Lines

VICHY, April 23.

Huge quantities are constantly being brought up to the Russian front by both sides and an immense number of troops seem to be massing for an offensive according to a Stockholm despatch to the Vichy News Agency.

PREPARATIONS FOR BIG OFFENSIVE

Russian reinforcements are pouring into the Kerch Peninsula and an attack on Fedosia seems imminent. The Germans do not appear to be reinforcing the troops in the Crimea, but are launching bombing raids into Caucasia.

Big concentrations are poised on both sides of the Southern Ukraine front and it is thought possible that the Soviets may launch a big attack here where the ground is now dry enough for mechanised units.

On the Smolensk front material is being built up and troops are taking up fighting positions in the front and support lines.

Round Leningrad there is much local fighting with the Russians throwing in fresh troops from Siberia.

Air activity is increasing on all sectors. The Germans are bombing the ports of Sebastopol, Kerch and Yenikale almost uninterruptedly.

The despatch says that Krasmodar Baku railway has been hit at several points and a bridge destroyed.

Nazi Attack Repulsed

MOSCOW: An attack by German infantry with tanks on one sector of the Kalinin front was repulsed. The Germans withdrew after 900 of them had been killed, states a supplement to Thursday's Midday Soviet Communique. Three German tanks were disabled.

On another sector of this front the Germans lost about 200 dead. Guerillas in one German occupied district in the Kalinin region carried out several successful raids on garrisons and accounted for 120 Germans.

The supplement reports that Russian tanks broke into a German occupied village in an unnamed area and destroyed several firing posts, besides killing about 50 Germans.

Soviet Confidence

KUIBYSHEV, April 23.

"We have sufficient reserves to expel all invaders from the occupied regions" declared M. Lozovsky, Chief of the Soviet Information Bureau, at a Press Conference answering a question concerning the preparation of Soviet reserves.

Commenting on the Malta raids M. Lozovsky said: "The bombing of Malta has apparently become more intense and the behaviour of the population of the small isolated island is certainly evidence of its bravery."

He added: "Quite a different set of facts can be observed in the case of Germany. While the bombing of Soviet and English cities only increases their will for struggle such as has been seen at Malta, the bombing of German cities like Luebeck and Augsburg only increases their pessimism and lack of faith in the present situation."—

NAZI PRISONERS' NUMBER MOUNTS UP

The number of German prisoners has definitely risen since the publication of Stalin's 'Order of the Day' of February 23, assuring German soldiers that their lives would be spared if they threw down arms, said M. Lozovsky, when asked what had been the effect of this offer which was printed in hundreds of thousands of pamphlets and distributed in the neighbourhood of the German lines.

M. Lozovsky continued: "Whole groups and sometimes whole units surrender. They tell us that they did not surrender earlier because German officers told them that the Red Army kills its prisoners."

He added that the German prisoners would do work permitted by International Conventions.

Jap Minister Quits Iran

TEHERAN, April 23.

The Japanese Minister and Legation staff left this morning by car for Pahlevi, thence via Baku and Kuibyshev to Tokyo.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

STALIN RECEIVES U. S. AMBASSADOR

MOSCOW, April 23.

M. Stalin received the United States Ambassador Admiral Stanley. M. Molotov was present. The conversation lasted over an hour. —Reuter.

HITLER'S LAST EFFORT

LONDON, April 23.

The belief that the main German blows in the spring offensive against Russia would be launched in the central and southern sectors and that they would probably be Hitler's last effort was expressed by Gen. Anders, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish forces in Russia, in an interview with Reuter here to-night. Both Russians and Germans believed that 1942 would be the decisive year and the former considered it of paramount importance, that a second front should be created.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICA BREAKS FROM VICHY

PRETORIA, April 23.

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Tender forms giving details of the articles required and complete particulars of delivery can be had on payment of Rs. 2/- which is not refundable, from the office of the Central Contracts Officer, Directorate General, Indian Medical Service and the offices of D. A. D. G. (M. S.), Medical Store Depot, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Lahore Cantt. Payment should be made in cash or by money order to the office from which tender is to be obtained. "Tender Number and remitter's full address should be given on the M. O. coupon." Tenders will be received upto 10th May, 1942.

Quotations giving details of 1, 2, 3 & 4 above should be sent to this office addressed to the D. G. I. M. S. in a plain cover bearing no indication of the nature of the contents and inside this plain cover should be the envelope addressed to the Central Contracts Officer, Office of the D. G. I. M. S., New Delhi, bearing Tender No. 48-B due on 10-5-42. 8166

Public Notices

G. I. P. RAILWAY

ALTERATION IN WHARFAGE RULES AT KAMSHET.

WITH EFFECT from 16th May, 1942, the following will be the revised rules at Kamshet.

(a) When goods of every description are available for delivery during notified working hours at Kamshet, a wharfage charge, at the rate of 2 pies per maund or part of a maund per day or part of a day, will be made if the goods are not removed from the Railway premises before closing time of the following day.

EXAMPLE.—Goods ready for delivery before 17 o'clock on Monday must be cleared before closing time on Tuesday, but if they are not unloaded until after 17 o'clock on Monday they can be cleared free of wharfage at any time before closing time on Wednesday.

(b) When goods requiring to be unloaded by owners are left on the Railway premises after unloading beyond the time allowed free by this para, wharfage at the rate given in clause (a) is charged in addition to any demurrage which has accrued, the period for the calculation of wharfage being reckoned from the time the wagons are placed in position for unloading, but in no case can demurrage and wharfage be charged together for the same period.

CHIEF TRAFFIC MANAGER. (8173)

G. I. P. RAILWAY
SPECIAL NOTICE

THE ISSUE of First and Second Class Local, 'through' and 'two route' Season Tickets at Reduced Rates to wives and unmarried daughters of First and Second Class Season Ticket holders which was withdrawn from 1st April, 1942, will be REINTRODUCED with effect from 1st May, 1942. The conditions of issue remain unaltered. 8168.

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FAKIRCHAND KESARICHAND, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Hamam House, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of Free-hold land or ground with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being on the Eastern Side of Pallow Road Opposite Old Sonapur Lane in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 96 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 11, and New No. 69 New Survey No. 190, Cadastral Survey No. 693 of Bhuleshwar Division and in the Books of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward No. 2031 and Old Street Nos. 293-95 and present Street No. 465 and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Narayen Sakharam, on or towards the West by the Pallow Road, on or towards the North by the property of Byramji Dadabhoy Pochkhanawala and on or towards the South by the property of Dinshaw Merwanji.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1942.

AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI.
Purchaser's Attorneys. 8169.

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

Under instruction from the Custodian of Enemy property Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction TO-DAY Friday, the 24th April, 1942 at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) at their Rooms at 120, Apollo Street, Fort, the undermentioned property of firms and individuals whose assets are vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property:

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One Kodak Cine Camera and Cine projector; one Siemens Cine Camera, complete with extra lens and filter, and cine projector; One ensign camera; One Ica Plate camera with stand: One wooden Camera stand.

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Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

TESTAMENTARY & INTESTATE JURISDICTION

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India

Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of Bai LILAVATI, daughter of Sha. Bhukhandas Bhanabhai Desai and widow of Chandulal Dwarkadas Majmundar alias LILAWATI B. DESAI, alias LILAVATI, daughter of Bhukhandas Brijvallabhdas Desai, alias LILAVANTI, alias LILAVANTI, daughter of Bhukhandas B. Desai and alias LILAVANTI, daughter of Bhukhandas Brijvallabhdas Desai of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Sandhurst Road, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Deceased.

(1). CHHABILDAS BHUKHANDAS DESAI, residing at Sandhurst Road, without the Fort, and (2). SHA RAMLAL MANEKLAL SURTI, residing at Khetwadi Main Road, without the Fort, both of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitants, Executors named in the said will ..... Petitioners.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Probate.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-two and in the sixth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

G. G. MAHADEVIA, For Prothonotary & Senior Master.

A. R. NARAYENSWAMI IYER.
The 17th day of April, 1942.
Messrs. BHIMJI & CO., Petitioners' Attorneys. 8172.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THE GENERAL EDUCATION INSTITUTE, Dadar, a Society, registered under Act XXI of 1860 have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

ALL that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground situate, lying and being at Tulsi Pipe Line, Dadar in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2061 square yards or thereabouts out of a larger piece of land which larger piece of land is registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's New Nos. 4141 and 3994, New Survey Nos. 1/1299 and part of 1/1292 and forms part of Cadastral Survey No. 228 of Mahim Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward Nos. 3742(1A), 3742(1B) and 3742(1C) and Street Nos. 103AA, 103E, 103C and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by Tulsi Pipe Line, on or towards the West partly by C. S. No. 227 and partly by C. S. No. 222 of Mahim Division, on or towards the North by the property of Eugene Miranda and others and on or towards the South by the property of Eugene Miranda and others.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1942.

THAKORDAS DARU HEMANY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 8170.

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From To-morrow!
NEW HUNS' Joyous Comedy
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Daily at 4-15, 7, 9-45 p.m.
Mat.: Fri., Sat., Sun. at 1-30 p.m.
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TALKIES—Dubash Theatre
3 Shows To-day 3, 6 & 9 p.m.

CAPITOL at 4, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
TO-DAY—LAST DAY!
"CAUGHT IN THE DRAFT"
with DOROTHY LAMOUR
FROM TO-MORROW:
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SUNDAY MORNING:
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FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

Delhi I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops. 5 Gauhar Sultan. 5-20 Ranskankani on sitar. 5-30 Master Mumtaz and party. 6-25 Lachhi Ram. 6-35 Manohar. 6-40 Lakshman Prasad. 7 Do geet. 7-15 Language and Culture. 1. 7-30 It has happened. 7-35 Mohammad Ahmad. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 Preet ke geet. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Mohammad Ahmad. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Benaziribai. 10-15 Gauhar Sultan. 10-30 Master Mumtaz and party.

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Krishnabai Hukeri. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 Basheer Qawwal. 8-25 Recitations from Hindustani poems. 8-35 Lalita Parulker. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati 9-10 V. D. Ambhaiker. 12-30 p.m Ghazals. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Musical mixture. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Manikrao Raichurker 5-20 Mannu Khan. 5-25 Basheer Qawwal. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Krishnabai Hukkeri. 6 News in English 6-10 Counter-attack 6-15 News in Hindustani. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Local news and announcements 6-35 Children's happy half-hour 7 Shatrunchya Batmya. 7-15 World affairs. 7-30 Basheer Qawwal. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Lalita Parulker. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 For our Universities. 8-45 A. R. P. answering you. 9-0 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Sarinda recital. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Marathi bhavgeet. 10-10 Gujarati geet. 10-20 Kannada songs. 10-30 Khayal Duet.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Violin recital. 8 V. D. Ambhaiker. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Bhajan. 9 Marathi bhavgeet. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

5 to 7-15 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Krishnabai Hukkeri. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Air Orchestra. 9-10 V. D. Ambhaiker. 9-20 Allah Rakha. 9-30 Vere Da Silva. 9-45 Dunstan Roberts. 9-55 Margaret Fraser-Duff. 10-5 The Salon Trio.

B. N. RAILWAY ENTER BEIGHTON FINAL

CALCUTTA, April 23.

The Bengal Nagpur Railway entered the final of the Beighton Hockey Cup Tournament, defeating the Military Medicals by three goals to one. The winners will now meet the Calcutta Rangers in the final.

BOMBAY'S WHEAT SUPPLY

Large Consignment To Come From Sind

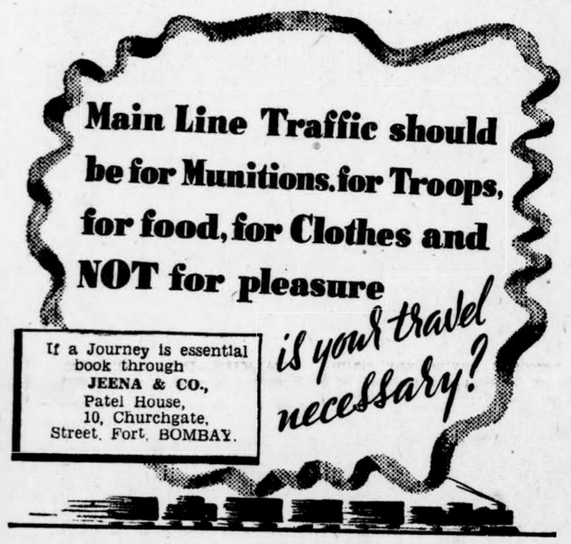
Here is some news about the food position of Bombay—especially about the wheat supply of the city,—that Bombay is about to receive a large consignment of wheat which we will be able to purchase almost with prewar ease.

Wheat has been conspicuous for its scarcity for some time now. And to aggravate this some people were trying to hoard it. This resulted in an acute shortage and the Government was compelled to allow only one 'paili' to be sold, at a time, to any one person, at their grain shops.

But this step, so it is learnt, was taken not so much due to acute shortage as to prevent the retail shop-keepers draining the Government grain shops and also hoarding. But this step resulted in many hardships, especially to the middle classes. And many representations were made to the Government. Besides this step was giving currency to a fusillade of panicky rumours about food scarcity.

Now, it is believed, the Government of Bombay has made arrangements to receive, very shortly, wheat, enough and to spare, from Sind. When this is received people will be able to buy wheat by the sackful.

There has been a persistent clamour for wheat from Poona So some of this wheat is likely to be released for Poona. It is understood, in this connection, that ways and means are being explored with a view to prevent the Poona traders from re-exporting this wheat to outstations for profit.



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Hightide: 5-02, 18-30, Lowtide: 0-12, 11-24

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

LAMINGTON—"Maian" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
METRO—"Tarzan's Secret Treasure" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. (2nd week).
EXCELSIOR—"Spring Meeting" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL—"I Wake Up Screaming' at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3 6 and 9 p.m.
AURORA—"The Big Store" 3-30 6-30 and 10 p.m
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p m.
EDWARD—"Geeta" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
PALACE—"Mata Hari" 4 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m.
SUPER—"Kis-Ki Bibi" 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30, 5-45 and 9-45 p.m
CAPITOL—"Caught in the Deaft" at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Pahila Paina" 3-30 6-15 and 9
NOVELTY—"Society" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Kirti" 3 30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROYAL OPERA—"Khilauna" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
BROADWAY—"Bandhan" 4-15, 7 & 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: A public Study Class on "Reincarnation" from The Ocean of Theosophy, by W. Q. Judge, will be held to-day (Friday), at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

PRACTICE SHOOT: Anti-aircraft guns in Bombay and Salsette will carry out a practice shoot between 9 and 11-45 a.m. to-day (Friday). Certain roads will be closed during these hours.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 11, tomorrow (Saturday), at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.), at the Victoria Road Overbridge (West Side) and go round with them in the Ward.

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE BOMBAY NORTH: The monthly concert of the Indian Music Circle, Bombay North which was originally fixed for Sunday the 26th April has been postponed, to 3rd May at 4 p.m. at Napoo Hall, Matunga. The May programme will however come off during the last week of May.

BOMBAY MEDICAL UNION: There will be a lecture on: "Phychiatric Casualties and their treatment" at the Bombay Medical Union Hall, Blavatsky Lodge Building, French Bridge, Chowpaty, today (Friday) at 7-30 p.m. (S.T.). Doctors are cordially invited.

BOMBAY CITY AND SUBURBAN MOTOR-CAR DRIVERS' UNION: A general meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bombay City and Suburban Motor-Car Drivers' Union will be held to-day (Friday) at 9 p.m. at the Union's Office R. N. 6 D. N. Manzil, Congress House Compound.

RESERVE BANK LOCAL BOARD: The Central Board of the Reserve Bank have nominated Mr. M. V. Desai, Government Pleader, Race Course Road, Baroda, to be a member of the Western (Bombay) Area Local Board, in the vacancy caused by the death of Diwan Bahadur A. U. Malji.

MAYOR HONOURED: The Hindustan Home Guides organised a tea party in honour of the Mayor of Bombay on Monday last, at Jinnah Hall. Mr. Mangaldas Pakwasa presided. After the introductory speech of the president the Mayor congratulated the organisers of the Hindustan Home Guides especially Mrs. Modak, and said that they were doing useful work and on occasion has arisen to prove their usefulness still better, and advised them how they should work.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL AT MALWAN: Foundation stone of the Bhandari High School was laid at the hands of Mr. Anantrao S Bagavatkar on Saturday morning. This High School is to be built by the philanthropic Shet Bhagoji Balooji Keer from his Bhageshwar Charity Trust Funds.

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"G" WARD P.V.B. CIRCLE NO. 10: A meeting of the volunteers in circle No. 10 will be held to-day (Friday), at 8-30 p.m. in Circle Office (Dr. Shahs Dispensary, opp. Palan Sojpal Building, Portuguese Church St.)

GUMASTA PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting of Gumastas of Dadar will be held to-day (Friday) at 8-30 a.m. in the compound of Moti Bhavan, opp. Dadar Bazaar, in connection with the P.V.B. Dr. T. R. Naravane, the Divisional Officer will preside and Dr. N. P. Shah, Messrs. Kanthi and Rajadhyaksha will address the meeting.

SHANKERRAO DEO TO SPEAK: Under the auspices of "G" Ward P.V.B. there will be a public meeting at Dadar Chowpaty sands, at 6 p.m. to-day (Friday), when Mr. Shankerrao Deo, a member of Congress Committee will address the meeting.

"C" WARD PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER BRIGADE: A meeting of the volunteers of circle No. 3 will be held to-day (Friday), at 9 p.m at Keshave Bag Princess St.

PEOPLES' VOLUNTEER BRIGADE: 1. Under the auspices of P.V.B. Matunga a concised First Aid course of 4 lectures has been started at the Aryasamaj Hall, Matunga, G.I.P. from 22-4-'42. Dr. P. B. Koppikar is conducting the classes. Time 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. (S.T.)

2. A series of 3 lectures in A.R.P. will be delivered by Mr. Venguswamy at the South Indian Education Society's High School, Brahman Wada, Matunga, from today the 24th instant at 9 p.m All those who are interested in the above courses may attend.

3. The 15 volunteers who have been selected for the first batch of fire fighting squad are requested to be present at the Dadar Fire Brigade Station to-day at 7 a.m. (B.T.).

4. A First Aid Course for the inmates of Mahilashram, Matunga, will be started today at 9 p.m. at the Shradhanand Mahilashram. Dr. Rao will conduct the classes. The course is confined to the inmates only.

Municipal By-election?

B. P. C. C. TO RUN CONGRESS CANDIDATE

The General Secretaries of the B.P.C.C. announce:

Sjt. Mathooradas Tricamjee, a member of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, elected on Congress ticket, having resigned his membership of the Corporation due to his ill-ness, a vacancy has been caused in Ward No. 2 (Fort-Northern Esplanade) Constituency, and soon it will be filled by holding a Municipal by-election in that Constituency.

The B.P.C.C. at its meeting held last week has decided to run a Congress candidate for this vacancy. Applications from intending candidates on the prescribed forms are therefore hereby invited in case they are desirous to stand on Congress ticket. The applications must reach the office of the B.P.C.C not later than Monday, May 4 The intending candidates must send a sum of Rs. 105 along with his application He will have out of this Rs. 100 refunded to him in case his candidature is not approved by the B.P.C.C.

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TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN.)

The question of taxi fares in the Bombay Suburban area is causing a lot of irritation. With the rationing of Petrol by the Government of Bombay the Suburban taxi drivers are to face a lot of hardships and what annoys them most is the old taxi fare tariff which has not been altered since 1937.

SUSPENSION OF "SENTINEL"

The suspension of the "Bombay Sentinel" the City's brightest evening paper came as a surprise to the Suburbanites. Several members of the Suburban public who waited for their daily copy of the "Bombay Sentinel" on Wednesday evening felt sadly disappointed.

"The Suburban Public' said a well-known business man, will miss the 'Sentinel' more than any body else, adding, to him the 'Sentinel' was a real sentinel and the service rendered by this bold and straightforward publication will not be forgotten.

He concluded, "I appeal to the Suburban public to hold a protest meeting and send a deputation to Government for the withdrawal of the suspension order."

OPENING OF PARK AT KHAR

After long waiting "Madhu Park" in the centre of nearly seven roads along the 1st. Road at Khar, is to be, I am told, declared open to the public on Sunday, April 26, at 5 p.m. by Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas.

Indian Christians' Demand

After a careful study of the British War Cabinet's "Draft Declaration for discussion with Indian leaders", and the report of the Indian Christian Delegation to Sir Stafford Cripps, the All-India Council of Indian Christians Lahore, has issued a statement, in the course of which it is stated:—

The proposals contained in the Draft Declaration are an appreciable advance on any pronouncement hitherto made by the British Government, inasmuch as India's demand for a definite acceptance of its right to full self-Government immediately after the War is conceded. The scheme, however, whereby effect is to be given to this declaration of the War Cabinet is open to certain grave objections.

Of equal importance with the proposed future Government of India are the immediate plans for transferring responsibility to Indian hands. We must also reaffirm the unanimous demand of the Indian Christian Community for its due representation in any new Indian Cabinet, 'if it is to be a composite body' upon which all important interests are to find a place. Indian Christians now rank between 7 and 8 millions and next to the Muslims are the largest religious minority in India.

SOCIALIST PARTY EXECUTIVE MEETING

Will Be Held On Tuesday Next At Allahabad

BOMBAY, April 23.

A meeting of the National Executive of the All-India Congress Socialist Party will be held at Allahabad on Tuesday, April 28.

The agenda includes the consideration of the present political situation in the light of the rejection of the "Cripps' proposals" and the resolutions coming before the meeting of the All-India Congress Committee.

The meeting will also consider measures for the more effective organisation of the Labour and Kisan movements in the country.

Mr. Yusuf Meherally, Mayor of Bombay, Mr. Achyut Patwardhan and Mr. Asoka Mehta are expected to reach Allahabad on the 27th instant.—A. P.

SAVARKAR ON NEED OF SELF-DEFENCE

BOMBAY, April 23.

"Our duty of self-defence is an imperative need and we, Hindus, can never be able to defend ourselves effectively unless we get military-minded and get trained into an up-to-date warfare," says Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, in a statement to "United Press."

Mr. Savarkar calls upon the Hindu Sabhas in particular and the Hindu public in general to do their best to help the naval recruiting Government authorities now visiting the Konkan Coast, by sending smart Hindu youths, especially those of the Bhandari and Kharvi classes, to get their training in the Navy. —United Press.

Home For Overseas Scouts

Lord Baden Powell's lifework for Scouting is be commemorated by a hostel for Overseas Scouts, which is to be built near the Scouts Headquarters in London and will be known as "Baden Powell House". The hostel which was Baden Powell's own wish will be open to visiting student scouts from all over the world.

An appeal for funds for the scheme, which was launched today by the Princess Royal will be headed by subscriptions from the King and Queen.

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NOT INSOLUBLE

Sir Stafford Cripps' talk to a Press conference in London on his abortive mission in India is naturally in the nature of an apologia but is neither an accurate nor helpful review of his experience here. He virtually admits that his scheme has been rejected by the country as a whole but his explanation for this is, not that every important political party has disapproved of his proposals, but that "in the general state of opinion in India, it was not likely that any large body of opinion would accept the plan if the rest were going to reject it." There is always the danger, he says, that "the one who accepts it might be held up as subservient to British imperialism if the majority of the people reject it." We do not know if he realises that the feeling revealed by the last sentence is hardly a compliment to British rule in India. He will do well to realise that even the scheme which he sponsored has some of the features of that very policy of Britain in India of which the latter is so distrustful and that for this very reason has his scheme been rejected by all.

The Smoke-Screen

Sir Stafford consoles himself with the thought that though the scheme itself has been rejected, "the result of the discussions there has been to impress the Indian people and others with the sincerity of the outlook of the British people and the British Government." It is curious that, though impressed by British sincerity, the Indian people could not come to any settlement with him. We do not know who are the "others" that have also been impressed by the British sincerity. If the Americans are meant and if they in consequence give more help to Britain we shall certainly not grudge it. But mere sincerity cannot make a bad scheme good Every scheme must be judged by its merits. Sir Stafford naturally finds it hard to acknowledge that the scheme failed because of its intrinsic faults. In the Amery fashion he suggests that differences among Indians have prevented its acceptance. In an amusingly patronising manner he says: "I perfectly understand the difficulties which the leaders of different sections of Indian opinion have had. I perfectly understand all the things that stood in the way of a settlement, both as regards the future and the present. We regret profoundly that those differences could not be overcome, and I think that leaders of Indian opinion have done their utmost in order to overcome those differences." All people will not be always fooled by the smoke-screen of Indian differences.

Defence Of India

With regard to the defence of India even in the absence of a settlement Sir Stafford says: "I have had the assurance personally from many of the leaders that they are going to co-operate to their utmost to make their defence as effective as possible. I believe the result of these talks, when it comes to a question of defence, will be a good result. Although those leaders are not prepared at the present moment to partake of the responsibility of sharing in the Government of India, yet they will extend themselves in order to do anything they can to assist, in an unofficial capacity, in the defence of India." It is true that many leaders are prepared to do all they can to resist the invader but that is certainly not due to the talks with Sir Stafford or any new-found love of British imperialism but only to avert a worse evil. For their own sake Indians will do their best. Whether they must do so still as a subject people or can fight as free men to retain her freedom as their Allies do is a question which for the time being rests with Britain. In a public speech at Madras on Thursday Mr. C. Rajagopalachari said that if the people could defend India without a political solution he would say to them: "By all means let us do it." But, he pointed out that "it was just not possible." Nay, "he would not ask for a political solution now if it had not been necessary in the law of nature—not as a political bargain." Sir Stafford says that he does not regard the problem of India as insoluble during the war. If so and if Britain is really sincere about a settlement, it does not behove a responsible British statesman like him to say that the next approach has to come from India, as if it was no business of Britain to take the initiative. Common sense, unperverted by personal pique, should suggest that, if a solution is possible and desirable for both the parties, the initiative must be taken by both these, jointly or severally

Axis And Madagascar

A report received in New York says that on instructions from Berlin via Dr. Otto Abetz, M. Laval has refused to allow the Japanese to send a military mission to Madagascar. Superficially this looks delightfully reasonable because of imperialistic rivalries between Japan and Germany. But it is actually complete nonsense. There is a war on in which Germany and Japan are on the same side and cannot afford to quarrel. Moreover, Axis strategy demands that Germany and Japan should what is called "join hands" in the Persian Gulf. And, at any rate, it is a matter of urgent importance for Germany more than for Japan that Allied sea routes to the Middle East and India should be seriously intercepted if not altogether cut. This requires control over Ceylon and Madagascar. Who can possibly attempt it in the interests of the Axis except Japan? The fact is that Germany would welcome Japanese domination—for the duration of the war—over the entire Indian Ocean.

But, of course, the task of the Japanese is not so easy. Japan, which is now being increasingly threatened from America and Australia will find it more difficult than ever before to attempt to reduce the first Allie bastion, Ceylon. That attempt is more likely than not to fail. But the Germans may press Japan to take the grave risk of by passing Ceylon and establishing themselves in Madagascar. This will certainly be bad for the United Nations. But such a development can be averted and even a Vichy sell out forestalled by the U. S. A., Britain and South Africa.

Muzzling The Press

One wonders if there is a concerted plan to muzzle the Press in India. About the very time drastic action was taken against the "Bombay Sentinel" the Government of Bengal ordered the "Yuganter", a Bengali daily, to suspend publication. In the Punjab the Government ordered the "Pratap", an Urdu daily of Lahore, to submit to the Special Press Adviser, Lahore, for scrutiny before publication, all and every matter including headlines connected with the war, the international situation, internal security or civil defence measures in India or any other matter relating to measures for the prosecution of the war taken by the Government. It was an impossible order and the paper naturally preferred suspension to submission to humiliating and vexatious restrictions.

The drastic action taken against these three papers is a clear violation of the Delhi agreement between the Government of India and the Indian Press. The President of the All-India Newspapers Editors' Conference has, accordingly, been urged to summon a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Conference immediately to consider the action taken against these papers and to devise steps to safeguard the liberty of the press. War time legislation leaves but little liberty for the Press in India But that little must not be allowed to be nullified. Wholesale muzzling of the Press may be an exhibition of panic or might. But in neither case is it helpful in winning the co-operation of the public.

Frankly Speaking

The French Fleet

The problem of the French Fleet in terms of M. Laval's known eagerness to collaborate with Germany is naturally agitating the United Nations. In view of Anglo-American naval losses and of Japan's entry into the war, the French Fleet, if placed at the disposal of the Germans, will, without doubt, powerfully affect the balance of sea power and, particularly, confront, Admiral Cunningham and General Auchinleck with a grave threat. But the balance cannot be disturbed decisively. And this not only because of the joint strength of the Anglo-American navies. There is another point about the French fleet which is worth emphasising.

Some Details

Vichy-France has at its disposal five battleships of which the three most modern ones are not serviceable, four heavy cruisers, eight light cruisers, two aircraft carriers, and a large number of destroyers and submarines—of these an aircraft carrier and at least two light cruisers are under American surveillance in the West Indies. This whole fleet cannot be manned effectively and immediately. But, on the other hand, there are immobilised in British ports and capable of being easily mobilised, three French battleships, three heavy cruisers, three light cruisers and a number of destroyers and other light craft. If, therefore, M. Laval betray's the Fleet, it will not all be to the advantage of his master.

A Timely Answer

Another commando raid was carried out by the British, this time in the Boulogne area. Whatever material achievements may have been gained are not mentioned either in the communique or in Reuter's report. But its moral value is by no means inconsiderable. Coming so soon after St. Nazaire it must intensify German worry and nervousness. For the British are reducing a well defended enemy coast to a sort of no man's land, easily open to patrols. It is also a message of encouragement to the French and a timely answer to M Laval.

Malta, G. C.

A Luftwaffe pilot recently shot down and taken prisoner at Malta is reported to have praised the tough defence of the island by saying that there appeared to be no method by which the Germans could dispose it off except to sink it! The essence of this high tribute is fully deserved. The manner in which Malta has stood up to the fury of heavy and concentrated Luftwaffe attacks will constitute one of the most glorious chapters of this war. And it is no more than their due for the people and garrison of Malta to receive the distinction of the George Cross. But Malta is not only holding out, it is also striking hard at the Luftwaffe and taking an increasingly heavy toll of the raiders. The five days since Saturday have been particularly successful, for, the Luftwaffe has lost in destroyed and damaged more than 60 planes. It is reported that this success is due to recent reinforcements to both the fighting and defensive strength of the fortress. If this is so, one may look forward to a long period of brilliant achievements by Malta.

Welcome Change

Many in Madras city will heave a sigh of relief on finding that even the Government have thought it safe to bring back to the city the essential portions of the Secretariat and most of the other offices. The precise circumstances which induced the Government to shift the offices from the city and the circumstances which suddenly changed their decision it will be impolitic to publish. It is not in public interest to give that information to the enemy. But it seems possible that Mr. Rajagolachari's heartening speeches had something to do with the change.

Suspension Of "Sentinel"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—The 'Sentinel' that was never tired of being on the watch and reporting his findings to his numerous admirers and appreciators, has been given a "knock" and rendered unserviceable to the public cause for a period of thirty days

What are the reactions to this? This act of the Bombay Government is certainly not appreciated in any responsible quarters. It has resulted in a serious thinking on the part of the general public that can read and think for themselves, and all sympathies with the "Sentinel."

We are in the midst of an unprecedented war We are expected to keep the civilian morale strong against the enemy that is approaching nearer every day. Is the Government helpful in this respect? Was the "Sentinel", of all the Press organs, unhelpful in the matter? What is it, to which we have to attach the greatest importance at this stage of human civilization, which has been seriously threatened by the Axis Powers and India has been made to sink or swim along with the rest of the world?—Yours, etc.,

—CRITICAL OBSERVER.

IN INDO-CHINESE UNION LIES ASIA'S DESTINY

COL. JOHNSON SAYS AMERICA FIGHTS THIS WAR FOR "BILL OF RIGHTS" TO ALL PEOPLES IN WORLD

NEW DELHI, April 23.

"We in the United States are watching with profound interest and deep emotion the development of India and China, because we realize that in Indian and Chinese hands lies the destiny of Asia—the security and stability of Asia. The union of these two greatest Asiatic population blocks in the cause of liberty and enlightenment may well be the greatest Asiatic political development of ten centuries," declared Col. Johnson, President Roosevelt's envoy in a broadcast from New Delhi on Thursday.

There is no goal for us and for you except victory and in that victory may I say on behalf of the President of the United States, that we propose to bring to the problems of the eventual peace no less than to the battle-grounds of the immediate war, our aroused conscience, our highest resolves, our loftiest ideals.

U. S. Pledge To India

"To the successful prosecution of the war and to the perfection of a noble peace, I pledge you the most earnest efforts of the people of the United States and of their great leaders, and to those high ends we have dedicated our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honour. It is, indeed, a pleasure and a privilege to have this opportunity, through the facilities of All-India Radio, to speak directly to the Indian people. It is a pleasure because it affords the occasion to bring to you a personal message from the President of the United States, whom I have the honour to represent. Through me, the President wishes to extend to you, the good people of India, his greeting, his felicitation and his good wishes. I bring a similar message also, from the people of the United States, in whose name, and on whose behalf, I have the privilege of saluting you.

It is impossible for an American, like myself, to come into your great country, even for a short time, without being at once impressed by the dignity and value of your venerable civilization. It is equally impossible not to be captivated by the unfailing charm and grace of your people. Because of both of those things,

I feel it to be a part of my pleasant duty here, and a self-imposed obligation after I have returned to America to devote every effort that I can to helping America to know more about India and its people, and to contribute, if I can, to a more perfect understanding, in India, of the United States and of the Americans.

NEW TASK IN ASIA

Our interest in Asia and its splendid peoples, is not, however, a new thing, the fruit of this war, as I pointed out to your Press representatives yesterday in our very pleasant conference. We have had profound and happy ties to Asia, for more than a century. We have set up in Asia our greatest colonial dependency. The Philippines, and worked with that dependency to establish it on the road to independence. We have now undertaken the additional obligation, in Asia, as President Roosevelt has declared, not merely to assure that Philippine freedom is redeemed and Philippine independence established, but also that such a new member of the Asiatic community of nations is safeguarded and defended. We have assumed new obligations in respect to your magnificent sister country, the Republic of China, furnishing materials and skills for China's defence and growth, and at the same time undertaking to set aside those special functions that we previously exercised as rapidly as the Government of China is prepared to take them over.

Years of prosperous and honourable trade and years of friendly political and cultural relationships have given to the United States a peculiarly well defined policy in respect to Asia. In no other sphere, perhaps, are our ideals and responsibilities any more clearly stated. In the nine power Pacific Treaty, for example, we made it plain that it was part of our basic political philosophy that there must be freedom and equality, without hindrance or discrimination, in the commercial and political intercourse of sovereign States. From that expressed conviction we cannot, we will not, withdraw. And it is precisely because Japan's militarists found the conception of a world in which free States should freely deal one with another so intolerable, that Japan went to war against the United States.

NEW ALIGNMENT

Naturally we shall resist the attacker with every means in our power, and having been forced to draw the sword, we will not, you may be very sure, sheathe it again until complete and unquestioned victory is won. Japan's friends have become our enemies. Those whom Japan attacks have become our Allies. Swiftly there has crystallized the war front of the United Nations, the concerted effort of all those who are resisting and will continue to resist, Nazi, Fascist and Japanese aggression.

ASSURANCE TO INDIA

It is as a part of that united war effort that the present United States Technical Mission has been sent to India.

It is not here to introduce American capital. It is not here to build factories, or to bring in American industrial operations. It is not concerned with the commercial and economic relationships that may exist between India and the United States after victory has been won.

It is here solely to put at the disposition of India, certain great technical skills, so that production in this country may be increased, so that industries may make the transition smoothly from peace time footing to war time footing, so that India may be able to better to defend herself, and better to contribute to the defeat of our common enemy.

The United Nations propose to win this war. There is no other possibility. The United Nations want India's help. For my own United States, I ask the help of the people of India in winning this war. But much more than that, the United Nations want to help India to defend herself against a cruel and rapacious aggressor, whose covetous eyes have long been fastened on this fair country, and whose merciless militarists cold-bloodedly plan the enslavement of India's millions, just as they have planned and tried to carry out the enslavement of the Chinese, the Malays, the Filipinos and the Javanese; and indeed as they have already accomplished the enslavement of the Formosans, the Koreans and the Manchurians.

INDIA'S STAKE

No country has a greater stake in the victory of the United Nations than has India. Only by throwing back the aggressor and invader can India hope to take her place among the great states of the world. There is no road to high national destiny under the banner of the Rising Sun of Japan or the Nazi Swastika of Germany. President Roosevelt has made the issue inescapably clear with his ringing declaration that this is a conflict between a free world and a slave world. We know where India proposes to stand in such a division. We know that this war will determine whether the Government shall belong to the people, as it must if there is to be liberty and dignity for mankind everywhere, or whether the people shall be creatures of the Government, as they are in Japan in Germany in Italy, and in the unhappy countries that these war machines have overrun.

'BILL OF RIGHTS FOR ALL PEOPLE'

Our American conception of the right of the individual to express himself, to make his decisions freely, to be secure against the impositions of tyranny, is a very old one. Some of its roots go back to that great old English declaration of human dignity, the Magna Charta. Many of them are expressed in our own great Bill of Rights, in which the personal position of each citizen is made plain and made secure. What we are fighting for now is, in a sense, a larger Bill of Rights, a Bill of Rights for all peoples everywhere. It is an international a world-wide Bill of Rights, the declaration, as President Roosevelt has said, that all men everywhere should enjoy freedom of speech, freedom from fear. It is in such a cause that the people of my United States expect to find, in the people of India, their natural comrades and allies. And that cause can be vindicated only through the triumph of the arms of the United Nations. It can be made the basis for our permanent peace and our future liberty and happiness only when Britain, China, the Netherlands, United States, and the score of nations that have allied themselves with those powers, have driven the Axis warlords into oblivion.

India's future, no less than ours, is at stake is that conflict. We should be recreant, indeed, therefore, if we did not do all in our power to help India to fight off, the aggressor; to help India to help us.

INDO-CHINESE HEGEMONY

Our own interests, however, are not confined merely to the exigencies of war and the plotting of battlefields. Naturally the United Nations propose to defend themselves wherever the Axis attacks. Naturally we expect to carry the war to the enemy, to hammer home our attacks, wherever he is vulnerable. But in the long-range view there is something bigger, something finer, at stake.

We in the United States are watching with profound interest and deep emotion the development of India and China, because we realise that in Indian and Chinese hands lies the destiny of Asia, the security and stability of Asia.

The union of these two greatest Asiatic population blocs in the cause of liberty and enlightenment may well be the greatest political development of ten centuries.

At the present time our road to China is through India. China herself is developing her great western and south-western provinces and as roads are built, railway lines established, and ports opened, will find a part of her outlet to the world. not merely on the Pacific, but on the Indian Ocean. China and India, as we see it, have much in common. Each has a very old and very valuable cultural civilization, which we view with the utmost respect and admiration. Each is achieving a new national self-consciousness, a new popular soul, a new popular will. When these two great peoples are standing shoulder to shoulder in the cause of a better world, we know that the future of Asia is secure. We know that if either is conquered, or both overrun, as the Japanese so blandly boast will be the case, there will be nothing but chaos in Asia.

WORLD MISSION OF U. S.

It is, therefore, because we, like you, are looking to the future, that we put our skills, our resources, our brains and hearts, at your disposition. We want a better world in which to live and we know how fervently you echo that desire. As one who loves the American way of life, I firmly believe that our nation has been established and honoured not alone for its own sake, but for the sake of the world. It has been made powerful, and rich, and free, and exalted—powerful, not to make subject, but to serve: free, not simply to exult in freedom, but to make free: exalted, not to look down, but to lift up. This, I believe, is our destiny.

U. S. TROOPS IN INDIA

The vanguard of our American troops is already in India. They are here, both to aid in India's defence, and set up certain bases from which the enemy can be attacked and destroyed.

There will be more coming. They come here as your friends, your allies, your comrades, your brothers.

They will know nothing of your political problems, your difficulties, and your occasional differences of opinion, they will know little or nothing of your customs and your habits. They will speak a strange language, that you may have difficulty in understanding. As soldiers they won't be able, themselves, to tell you why they are here.

But they have big hearts, these American fighting men. They have devotion to their cause, and to yours. They are here, to win a war, and that is the thing that matters, first of all. I know that you will receive them with the same friendly warmth that you have received me. Each of them, is, in a sense, a representative of the President of the United States, and of the people of the United States, coming to India in the cause of the good and free life for good and free men. I know how much they will admire you. I hope you will love them.

PLEA FOR CONFIDENCE

The force of circumstances has brought us together in this friendly meeting. The force of a common enemy has brought all of the United Nations closer together in the joint defence of a worthy cause. O! good people of India, give us your confidence, as we will give you ours. The United Nations will not falter in their obligations. They will not betray those who have reposed their trust in their eventual and inevitable triumph. There is no goal for us, and for you, except victory. And in that victory, may I say on behalf of the President of the United States, that we propose to bring to the problem of the eventual peace, no less than to the battlegrounds of the immediate war, our aroused conscience, our highest resolves, our loftiest ideals.

To the successful prosecution of the war, and to the perfection of a noble peace. I pledge you the most earnest efforts of the people of the United States and of their great leader, and to those high ends we have dedicated our lives. Our fortunes and our sacred honour.—A. P.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

WASHINGTON, April 22.
President Roosevelt at a press conference declined to confirm the Japanese reports on the bombing of Tokyo and said that he was depending on Japanese reports.—Reuter.

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According to Sir Stafford Cripps one of the gains of his mission is that the situation has been clarified very considerably.

It has. There can be no doubt about that.

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Sir Stafford also explained that since some of the parties, meaning the Congress, rejected the scheme others could not accept for fear of being held up as subservient to British Imperialism.

Correct, but hardly a compliment to the Qaid-e-Azam's stand on a great principle.

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"I am", says Sir Stafford, "very anxious that there should be no atmosphere of recrimination at all."

Naturally, since Sir Stafford has already had his own *ex-parte*, say, on the Delhi Radio and at Karachi.

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At his first Press Conference, Colonel Louis Johnson referred enthusiastically to Jawaharlal, and the philosophico-literary conversation the Colonel had with him.

This, we fear, is a serious blunder in fact and diplomacy on the part of Colonel Louis Johnson.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah is sure to make a note of the Colonel's statement.

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Colonel Johnson declared that he would dedicate a considerable portion of his life to bringing about an understanding between the peoples of India and the U.S.A.

What's the catch?

In any case we earnestly pray that he doesn't propose to have the Taj Mahal shipped to America.

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Italians, it is reported, declare that the Germans are at present unable to carry out the threat to occupy all France.

But what's biting the Italians.

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It is reported that, under orders from Berlin, M. Laval, the French dictator, has refused to allow a Jap military mission to Madagaskar.

We refuse to believe it. We mean Berlin cannot annoy Japan.

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British commando units have again raided occupied France.

Whatever headache it causes von Rhumstedt, M. Laval should welcome it.

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A stranded English actor went into a sordid hash house in New York for a cheap meal. In the waiter he was horrified to recognise a colleague who had played with him in London.

"Great Scott"! he gasped. "You a waiter in this place?"

"Yes, but I don't eat here," replied the other with some dignity.

"JAP AGENTS IN AFGHANISTAN"

We have received the following from the Consul for Afghanistan, in Bombay:—

My attention has been drawn to the report of your special correspondent at Chungking which appeared in your issue of 14th inst. under the heading of "Jap Agents in Afghanistan". For your information and that of your readers, I must state that the report is far from facts.

The activities of the Japanese Legation and its diplomatic staff in Afghanistan are confined only to the normal activities of a diplomatic mission. Under the Afghan laws, no such activity, as alleged by your correspondent, is possible by any Legation or its staff in Afghanistan.

Foreigners, particularly during the war, are taken under the strict observance of special laws so that any action or move on their part may not result contrary to the policy of neutrality of the country.

Let it not be left unmentioned that the Government of Afghanistan, while pursuing this policy, has never left anything undone for maintaining and strengthening her cordial relations with her neighbouring countries and removing every possible misunderstanding that may arise between them, and on every needful occasion has never hesitated to prove to them her policy of amity towards them.

I hope you will publish the above in your valued paper for the information of your readers, so that the impression that might have been created by the report of your Chungking Correspondent may be removed.

BANGALORE, April 21.

The Mysore Government have sanctioned an additional grant of Rs. 37,000 for increasing the preparation and sale of disease free layings of silk worm eggs.

The Mysore City Municipality has been granted a loan of Rs. 25,000 by the Government of Mysore for speeding up work in connection with reopening of old wells in the city and sinking new ones, to ensure adequate supply of water in times of emergency.

Flagrant Violation Of Delhi Agreement

Drastic Action By Provincial Governments Against Press: Plea To Editors' Conference Chief To Convene Meeting

BOMBAY, April 23.

Messrs S. A. Brelvi ("Bombay Chronicle"), K. Srinivasan ("Free Press"), S. Natarajan ("Indian Social Reformer"), and Amritlal D. Sheth ("Janmabhumi") have addressed a letter to Mr. K. Srinivasan, President of the All India Newspaper Editors' Conference and Mr. J. N. Sahani, Convener of the conference, to summon a meeting of the Conference immediately.

The letter says: "Drastic action taken by the Provincial Governments in dealing with responsible newspapers like "Bombay Sentinel" "Pratap" and "Yugantar" without regard to Press Advisory Committees, constitutes a flagrant violation of the Delhi Agreement necessitating immediate meeting of the Editor's Conference for taking concerted action to safeguard the liberties of the Press.

We therefore urge you to convene immediately the meeting of the Standing Committee."—A. P.

CENTRAL PRESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS

Plea For Emergency Meeting Of Editors' Standing Committee

NEW DELHI, April 23.

To consider the situation arising out of the ban on the publication of the "Bombay Sentinel", Bombay, the "Yugantar" (a Bengali Daily conducted in conjunction with the "Amrita Bazar Patrika" at Calcutta), and the action taken by the Punjab Government against the "Pratap", an Urdu Daily of Lahore, an urgent meeting of the Press Advisory Committee was held in the "Hindustan Times" office at which the following members were present: Lala Deshbandhu Gupta, Messrs. J. K. Cowley, B. Shivarao and Devadas Gandhi.

The following members of the Standing Committee of the Editors' Conference were present by special invitation: Messrs. U. N. Sen, P. D. Sharma and A. S. Iyengar.

The meeting adopted the following resolution unanimously:

This special meeting of the Central Press Advisory Committee, with members of the Standing Committee resident in Delhi present by invitation, views with grave concern the action of three Provincial Governments namely those of Bombay, Bengal and the Punjab against three Daily papers, the "Bombay Sentinel", the "Yugantar" and the "Pratap" respectively, which has resulted in their suspension. This meeting considers that the decision of these Provincial Governments constitutes a violation of the spirit of the agreement, which has so far governed the relations between the authorities and the Press, and recommends to the President of the Standing Committee to summon an emergency meeting of the Standing Committee to review the situation and meanwhile to take prompt steps in conjunction with the Provincial Press Advisory Committees concerned to get into touch with the Provincial Governments responsible for these decisions and safeguard the interests of the Press in those Provinces.—A. P.

ATTACK ON FREEDOM OF PRESS

Mayor Condemns Suspension Of "Sentinel"

Mr. Yusuf Meherally, Mayor of Bombay, has issued the following statement to the Press in connection with the Government ban on the "Bombay Sentinel":—

"The action of the Government in banning the publication of the "Bombay Sentinel" for a period of one month is both autocratic and highhanded and deserves strong condemnation.

The Government's action constitutes an attack on the freedom of the Press. It is the "Sentinel" today, to-morrow it will be some other journal. I hope that not only the Journalists' Association but other public bodies also will join together in registering their protest against this type of official high-handedness.

"Bombay Sentinel" may be suppressed to-day by an official fiat. But when it comes out after a month, I have no doubt that it will come out with a greater prestige and a larger circulation."

Horniman's Statement

Mr. Horniman told an interviewer that he was informed by Government that the action against the "Bombay Sentinel" was taken in connection with the publication of the report of the firing by police on dock workers which appeared in that paper on Tuesday.

It was suggested to him that an expression of regret might influence the Government in reducing the period but he declined to give such an expression. He stated, however, to the Government that the "Bombay Sentinel" had always cordially co-operated with Government in the application of the Defence of India Rules governing the publication of matters connected with the war but he did not think that the publication of this report came within the purview of the Defence of India Rules in that sense. Had he thought so he would certainly have referred the matter to the Press Advisor.

"PRATAP" SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

Sequel To Order For Scrutiny Before Publication

LAHORE, April 23.

The "Pratap" a vernacular daily of Lahore, has suspended publication following the orders of the Punjab Government directing the paper to submit to the Special Press Adviser, Lahore, at his office between 10 a. m., and 9 p. m., on working days, for scrutiny before publication, all and every matter including headlines connected with the war, the international situation, internal security or civil defence measures in India or any other matter relating to measures for the prosecution of the war taken by the Government.—A.P.

"YUGANTAR" SUSPENDED

Sequel To "Offending Article"

CALCUTTA, April 23.

"Yugantar" a local Bengali daily, has been directed by the Government of Bengal under the Defence of India Rules to suspend further publication, sale or distribution of the paper. An Order to this effect was issued this morning:—

The Order relates to an offending article published in the issue of the paper of April 21. All copies of this particular issue of the paper have been declared forfeited by the Government, by another order.—A.P.

Nagpur Journalists Protest Against Jinnah's Action

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR April 23.

Meeting of Nagpur Journalists Association met this evening at Nava Bharat office and unanimously passed a resolution condemning the action of Mr. M. A. Jinnah, president of the Muslim League, in asking the representative of the "Hindustan Times", who was among the invitees to the Press Conference to quit.

The meeting expressed satisfaction on the action of other Press representatives, who walked out in protest.

The meeting requested the All-India Editors' Conference to take suitable action in the matter.

DOCKYARD FIRING & BAN ON "SENTINEL"

Tomorrow's Public Meeting At Congress House

The General Secretary, B. P. C. C., writes:—

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee there will be a public meeting to-morrow (Saturday) at 6 p. m. (S.T.), in the compound of the Congress House, to pass a resolution demanding an independent non-official inquiry into the police firing in the R.I.N. docks on Tuesday last and for protesting against the summary suppression of the "Bombay Sentinel" for 30 days. Shri Bhulabhai J. Desai, President of the B.P.C.C. will preside at the meeting and Messrs. S. A. Brelvi, B. G. Horniman, N. M. Joshi and other prominent leaders will address.

Several public bodies, including:

The Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress,
The Civil Liberties Union,
The Independent Labour Party,
The Congress Socialist Party,
The Bombay Students' Union,
The Bombay Students' Federation,
The Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh

have joined with the B.P.C.C. in calling this meeting. Other institutions desirous of doing so should kindly communicate their names to the B. P. C. C. in the course of to-day, Friday.

Loud-speakers will be installed at the meeting.

Madras Exodus Ceases

MADRAS, April 23.

The exodus from the city has practically ceased. This is indicated by the fact that the trains that left Egmore and Central stations last night and to-day were not crowded.—A. P.

EVACUEES FROM BURMA

No More Discrimination Against Indians On Road, Says Aney

CALCUTTA, April 23.

"There is no road now confined to Europeans as such, nor is there any camp confined to exclusive use of Europeans and Anglo-Indians," said Mr. M. S. Aney, Overseas Member of the Government of India, in an interview to the Press to-day.

Mr. Aney had proceeded from Dimapur to Imphal, Palel and beyond on the Palel-Tamu road for a distance of about 13 miles. On the other road he had gone as far as Heriak on the Waksu-Heriak road. It is at Heriak that the first camp for evacuees is situated. He also inspected arrangements of camps at Rym Coringene (Imphal) and camps where evacuees are received on their arrival from Burma. He also went as far as Tinsukia and visited Dingan and saw the arrangements there for the reception of evacuees.

Paying tribute to the non-official agencies, who were working in a spirit of perfect co-operation and harmony with the official agencies, charged with the task of looking to the interests of evacuees, Mr. Aney stated that certain complaints had been made to him regarding treatment meted out to evacuees in certain places. He hoped that steps would be taken shortly to remove these complaints. These would require to be discussed before anything final could be done.

He further stated that at almost every camp medical arrangements had been made, and such arrangements were found to be satisfactory. If more assistance were found necessary, there would be no difficulty and it would be forthcoming.

The total number of Burma refugees repatriated through Chittagong up-to-date, exceeds two lakhs. The expenditure incurred by the Government for purchasing their tickets to different destinations in the country and for other expenses have amounted so far to about Rupees twenty lakhs.

CHIANG'S LETTER TO ROOSEVELT

Chief Of Chungking Mission At White House

BOMBAY, April 23.

The chief correspondent of the Central News Agency in America in a cable from Washington says: Gen. Hsiunghsihui in Chinese Lt.-General's uniform, paid an official call on President Roosevelt on Tuesday morning, according to Chungking message. He was formally introduced to the President by Dr. T. V. Soung, Chinese Foreign Minister. The Chief of the Chinese Military Mission to America remained with the President and Mr. Soung in the White House for 15 minutes.

Details of their meeting were not disclosed. Gen. Hsiungh was the first Chinese military leader to call on President Roosevelt. But he declined to make a statement to the Press on his conference with the President. Gen. Hsiungh informed the correspondent, however, that he had delivered the Generalissimo's personal letter to Mr. Roosevelt, but he did not disclose its contents.—A. P.

DR. GRADY'S PROGRAMME

NEW DELHI, April 22.

Dr. Henry Grady, the Leader, and the members of the American Technical Mission will leave for Bombay on April 29, and from there they will proceed to Calcutta. They will visit war installations and meet industrialists there.

After the Mission has made a preliminary survey of the potential resources of India and how best these can be utilised, the Leader, Dr. Grady, is expected to cable the Mission's recommendations to the President of the United States of America.

The assistance of the Mission will be in the form of personnel and plants.—United Press.

PRESENT WAR IS 'INDIVISIBLE'

Pacific Front As Vital As Russian One, Says Chinese Embassy

WASHINGTON, April 23.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington, on Wednesday denied the statement by the columnist Raymond Clapper that China agrees that the United Nations must defeat the Nazis before taking on Japan. "The Chinese Government has always stood firm on the thesis that the present war is a world struggle which is indivisible, and over emphasis on the importance of one front at the expense of another would inevitably produce undesirable repercussions", the Embassy declared. "While the Chinese can appreciate the importance which the United States and Britain attach to the Russian front, it is felt in China that the Pacific Front is equally vital and its neglect would prove disastrous for all alike".—Reuter.

GIVING BENEFIT OF BLITZ EXPERIENCE

Quakers' Ambulance Party To Help Relief Work In India

LONDON, April 22.

With the approval of the Viceroy the British Friends' (Quakers) Ambulance is sending to India four men and two women for civilian air-raid relief work. It is hoped that their experience of blitz problems gained during air raids in East End of London and provincial towns may be of service to the people of India now facing similar problems. They intend co-operating with voluntary organisations irrespective of race or party. Members of the Friends' Ambulance unit are already working in Syria, Egypt, Libya, China and Burma.—Reuter.

Tussle Between Prisoners And Warders

RANCHI, April 21.

The following "communique" has been issued:—

"Some of the Security prisoners in the Hazaribagh Central Jail made a representation on 28th March, 1942, demanding that when Security prisoners are released they should be allowed to take away all articles of jail property supplied to them for use in jail, viz., clothes, shoes, bedding (consisting of mattresses, pillows, pillow-cases, mosquito-curtains and blankets) and all other articles of personal use except furniture. The demand was based on the allegation that these articles were supplied to them in lieu of a personal money allowance to each prisoner. Three prisoners, who were ordered to be released, refused to leave the jail unless their demand was complied with and the other prisoners, who had signed the representation threatened to resist with force the release of three prisoners in question unless their demand was met.

JAIL MANUAL TO RESCUE?

"The demand was very carefully considered by Government. The rules made by the Government of Bihar, which determine the conditions of detention of such prisoners do not provide and have never provided for the payment by Government of any personal allowances (as distinct from family allowance). Under the rules each prisoner may use his own clothes and friends may send in extra clothes and bedding. A Security prisoner who has insufficient clothes and bedding of his own is supplied clothes and bedding by Government for use in jail on the scale permissible for Division I prisoners Under the Jail Manual Rules, prisoners are ordinarily released in the clothing in which they came to jail, but if this has been destroyed or appears inadequate a minimum amount of jail clothing is given to each prisoner but the prisoner is not allowed to take away any other jail property with him.

Government have no reason, therefore, to concede the claim that all jail articles supplied to such prisoners became their property". No such claim had ever been made or granted to Division I prisoners.

To avoid all possible causes of complaint Government decided, however that each Security prisoner shall on release be permitted to take away, in addition to his own clothes and belongings with which he came into the jail, one full jail suit with a change of clothing, i.e., an extra suit if used to western style of living, of an extra dhoti and shirt, if used to eastern style of living. They were also allowed to take away all shoes and sandals issued to them. In winter each prisoner was to be given a blanket in addition to the above articles.

PRISONERS-WARDERS TUSSLE.

On 17th April, 1942, the Deputy Commissioner explained these orders to the prisoners and made every effort to persuade them to be reasonable. They expressed their determination to make a demonstration and when the Superintendent instructed the warders to escort the three prisoners for release out of the ward the prisoners resorted to organised force to prevent their removal. They struggled with the warders, who wanted to remove the three prisoners and six prisoners surrounded each of the other three and seized their persons to prevent their removal. Some of the prisoners made an attempt to scale over the gate of the ward and one prisoner in particular incited the warders to disobey orders given by their superior officers. In the course of the scuffle which ensued minor abrasions of the skin were caused to eight of the prisoners and fifteen warders received abrasions and scratches. Three of the prisoners who had been ill were exhausted after the struggle but the condition of none is serious".—A. P.

NO GOING BACK ON DECLARATION NOW!

Sir F. Whyte Says Cripps Has Created 'New Climate Of Opinion'

LONDON, April 22.

(From Sir Frederick Whyte, a former President of the Indian Legislative Assembly and a former Liberal Member of the British Parliament. He was political adviser to the Chinese National Government for three years ending 1932, is a well-known broadcaster, and has lectured in the United States).

It is a fashion to call the Cripps Mission a failure, but it is truer to say that though it had no success it was not by any means barren. We still await Sir Stafford Cripps' own pronouncement, but two things are clear and cannot be wiped off the page of history: First, the world has received and accepted new evidence of good faith and the ultimate purpose of Great Britain in India. Secondly, the Indian problem stands revealed as what the well-informed already knew it was, namely, an intricate task which does not yield to generous declarations of principle and can only be performed by Indians themselves when they can get together.

While we may withhold judgment till Sir Stafford and the Prime Minister have given their own account of the results of the Indian mission, it is plain that the whole situation has substantially changed, that Sir Stafford has in fact created a new climate of opinion on the Indian question both in India and throughout the world, and that no British Government hereafter will go back on the Declaration itself.—Reuter.

WHAT ROOSEVELT GOT FROM MOTHER

POUGHKEEPSIE (New York), April 23.

The President's mother Sara Roosevelt left President Roosevelt a net estate estimated at approximately 1,090,000 dollars, according to the New York State Tax Appraisal Board.

FIGHTING GOES ON IN TIMOR

Allied Air Forces Attack Enemy Establishments Near Rabaul

MELBOURNE, April 23.

Allied 'communique' discloses that Australian and Dutch detachments are still fighting in the interior in Timor.

The text of the 'communique' from Allied headquarters on Thursday reads:

"NEW BRITAIN, April 21: The Air Force made a surprise attack on enemy establishments in the vicinity of Rabaul. Direct hits were scored on buildings. Next morning we hit again with the docks as the main objective.

TIMOR: Fighting is still in progress with elements of Australian and Dutch detachments operating jointly in the interior.

PHILIPPINES: Corregidor—Intermittent dive-bombing attacks against fortified islands in the area of activity are diminishing. Our forces are in contact with the enemy in Southern Panay. Fighting continues in Cebu and in Mindanao. Hostile seaplanes were attacked in the northern districts."—Reuter.

EPIC AERIAL FIGHT

Three Japanese Planes Shot Down

SYDNEY, April 23.

How an Allied bomber fought seven Japanese "O" planes shooting down three in saving another crippled an Allied bomber, is described in a report from the advanced Allied headquarters. Six bombers were returning from their mission when they were attacked by 20 Japanese "O"s. One of the bombers was badly damaged and was forced down to within 100 feet of the sea. Seven Japanese peeled off to finish the bomber, but a companion bomber piloted by Lieutenants Ray of Oklahoma and Stanwood of Rhodesland soon went circling over the crippled bomber and it fought off repeated attacks, and succeeded in shooting down three "O"s before the Japanese broke off. The cripple and the protector landed at their base riddled with bullet holes. When the Japanese broke off, the protecting machine had only 24 rounds of ammunition remaining.—Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND & FIJI UNDER U. S. NAVAL COMMAND

WELLINGTON, April 23.

The Prime Minister Mr. Fraser confirmed on Thursday that the New Zealand Island areas including Fiji have been allotted an area to be known as the South Pacific area under American Naval Command. This area, he said, would be distinct from the South-West Pacific Command under General MacArthur.—Reuter.

TWO JAP. PLANES BURNT TO ASHES

BOMBAY, April 23.

During a reconnaissance flight over Kweiling, on April 20, a Japanese plane was shot down by Chinese anti-aircraft batteries, while another made a forced landing, according to last night's war communique in Chungking. Both planes were completely burned to ashes, and a search for the pilots is now being carried out.—A. P.

GARRISON RETAINS FIGHTING SPIRIT

WASHINGTON, April 23.

Despite constant bombing attacks and relentless artillery crossfire from Bataan and Cavite the beleaguered men garrisoning Corregidor have lost none of their fighting spirit, according to a message date-lined Corregidor, issued

YUGOSLAV PATRIOT BANDS DESTROYED

ROME, April 23.

A pitched battle between Yugoslav Chetniks (patriot bands) and regular German troops is recorded in a communique issued at Zagreb by the Croat leader Pavelich. The bands had terrorised Easter Bosnia, says the communique, adding: "Violent fighting occurred in the neighbourhood of Soco Lovasz, Rogatiz, and on Mount Plocic. During the last week German and Croatian troops in a final operation completed the destruction of all Communist and Chetnik bands and the region has now returned to normal."—Reuter.

Laval's Next Move

To Reopen Traffic With Rommel's Army

Serious Developments If Fr. Warships Convoy Transports

WASHINGTON, April 23.

M. Laval, installed as German agent with a definite understanding regarding future action, is expected, by diplomatic circles here, to order the reopening of traffic with Gen. Rommel's army via the French North African territories. It is already known that in answer to the warning which is expected from the United States, M. Laval is prepared to argue that since food shipments from the United States to North Africa have been halted he is no longer bound by Admiral Darlan's promises. Incidents of a serious character are probable if French transports are convoyed by French warships. Each further step towards French collaboration with Germany will be countered by American action, it is declared here.

It is pointed out that there is a wide range of possibilities—confiscation of French gold held in the United States, occupation of French possessions and severance of diplomatic relations.—Reuter.

ANTI-LAVAL DEMONSTRATION

Song For Free France Evokes Enthusiasm

LONDON, April 22.

The following cable has been received from Cairo:—

Enthusiastic anti-Laval and pro-De Gaulle demonstrations took place in Cairo last night, reports the "Daily Telegraph's" special correspondent there. At a reception held in honour of the well-known Free French war correspondent, Andre Glarner, at which General Catroux, the Free French Commander in the Middle East, was present, Alice de Lysia sang for the first time a new song in honour of Free France—"Battez les Coeurs" ("lift up your hearts.")

The song spread like wild fire throughout Cairo, and could be heard everywhere, accompanied by the 'Marseillaise' and cries of "Long Live de Gaulle." "Down with Laval."—Reuter.

UNOCCUPIED FRANCE BOYCOTTS LAVAL'S SPEECH

MOSCOW, April 23.

M. Laval's speech broadcast to the French public through loud-speakers was boycotted in unoccupied France, says a dispatch from the Berne correspondent of the Tass Agency. At Ville Franche patriots pasted up small handbills under the loud-speakers with the advice "Frenchmen, do not listen to traitors". At Rochefort (Puy de Dome) a group of patriots shouted anti-German slogans during the speech such as "down with the Boches. Laval never bend to the Germans. The victory of the Democratic countries is our only salvation".—Reuter.

WHAT IS HAPPENING UNDER JAP 'RAJ'?

LONDON, April 23.

Asked in the Commons on Thursday whether any authenticated accounts of the conditions of peoples in Malaya have been received since the Japanese conquest, Mr. Harold MacMillan, Under-Secretary for Colonies, in a written answer stated: "No. But every endeavour is being made through the protecting power and by the International Red Cross to obtain such information."—Reuter

Doctor Temple Becomes Primate

LONDON, April 23.

Doctor William Temple was enthroned as Archbishop of Canterbury at Canterbury Cathedral today in the presence of 45 bishops including Bishop Perry of Rhode Island, United States. Representatives of the free churches of Great Britain and many churches abroad were also present.—Reuter

ROOSEVELT'S ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAMME

WASHINGTON, April 22.

President Roosevelt's drastic anti-inflation programme will be published in a message to Congress, and in a broadcast to the nation probably on Monday. According to press reports attributed to Congressional sources the programme includes, firstly, a 99 per cent excess profit on all corporation profits over six per cent; secondly, a limit of 25,000 or 50,000 dollars on individual incomes; thirdly, an instruction to the War Labour Board, prohibiting wage increases: fourthly, price "ceilings" on wholesale and retail commodities: fifthly, rationing of consumer goods: and sixthly, intensification of voluntary savings by the purchase of war bonds.—Reuter.

REACTION TO COL. JOHNSON'S STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, April 23.

Although the War Department officials declined to amplify it, Col. Johnson's statement is generally considered here as proof of the vital importance attached by the United States and the United Nations to that region where the Germans and the Japanese may attempt to join hands. Reinforcement of India does not mean, however, that the United States is in the least way neglecting the European battleground.—Reuter.

JAPS TAKE 50,000 TONS FR. SHIPPING

LONDON:—Japan is reported to have taken over 50,000 tons of French shipping in the Far East, stated Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, replying to a question in the Commons on Thursday.

Mr. Foot said: "At the time of Japan's entry into the war, there were nine ocean-going French merchantships in Far Eastern waters, totalling 35,600 gross registered tons and upwards of 35,000 gross registered tons coasters and local craft. It is now reported that 50,000 tons of shipping has been taken over by Japan and these are almost certainly ocean-going vessels. It would not be in the public interest to disclose what information we possess regarding the present situation of these ships."—Reuter.

ANOTHER WINTER CAMPAIGN IMPOSSIBLE

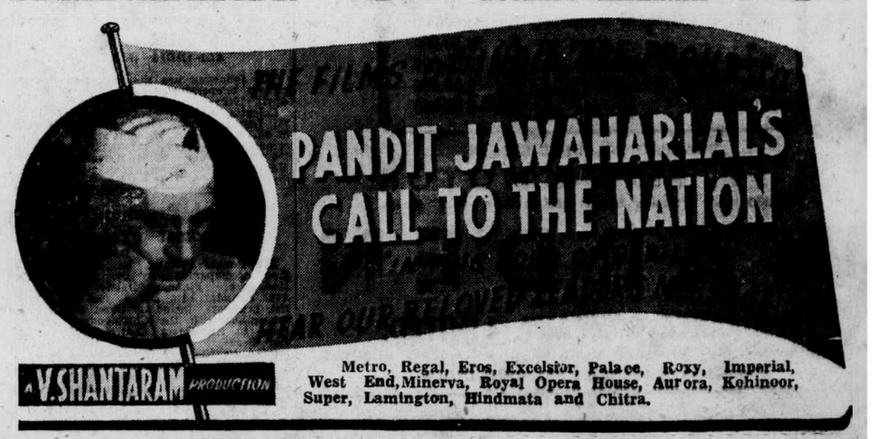
LONDON, April 23.

The belief that another winter campaign in Russia is absolutely impossible for Germany is expressed by a well-informed Italian observer, whose views have reached the Free French Agency from France. "Berlin has only one pre-occupation," he says, "to try and finish with the Russian army before autumn. Arms and effectives which Germany intends to use against the Russians, are absolutely indispensable on the Eastern Front." Consequently he argues that the Germans would at present be unable to carry out their threat of occupying all France. "Germany will not seek to increase her obligations in the West nor risk a conflict with what remains of the French army, which total occupation could not fail to provoke."—Reuter.

CRUSHING REDS BEFORE WINTER! Berlin's Sole Occupation

LONDON, April 23.

Italians declare that the Germans are at present unable to carry out the threat to occupy all France, and Berlin's sole preoccupation is to try to crush the Russian army before autumn as another winter campaign is absolutely impossible, says the Free French Agency.—Reuter.



Metro, Regal, Eros, Excelsior, Palace, Roxy, Imperial, West End, Minerva, Royal Opera House, Aurora, Kohinoor, Super, Lamington, Hindmata and Chitra.

TATA HYDRO-ELECTRIC AGENCIES LTD.

Total Units Generated

Messrs. Tata Hydro-Electric Agencies Limited, Agents for the Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd., the Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd., and the Tata Power Company Limited, report that the total electrical (Board of Trade) units generated at the three Power Stations of the Hydro Group and purchased from the Chola Steam Station were as follows :—

16th Week (ended April 22nd):—

1940	13,062,700
1941	19,032,700
1942	16,561,329
Total for 16 Weeks (1st January to date):	
1940	200,714,700
1941	287,006,209
1942	296,941,985

Calcutta Share Bazar

CALCUTTA, April 23

The market has continued steady and the volume of business was put through on a moderate basis. Government securities have maintained a firm undertone.

Government securities : 3 per cent Defence loan 1949/52 95/2 small lots; 3 1/2 per cent G. P. 88; 2 1/4 per cent loan 1948/52 93; 4 per cent loan 1960/70 103; 4 per cent loan 1943 101/12; 5 per cent loan 1945/55 105: Singaran Coal (B) 1/14.

Jutes : Hastings pref 110 ct.

Miscellaneous : Indian Copper 1/10: Jubbulpore Elec 14/12 ct; Indian Iron 22/11; Steel Corpn ord 13/11: Midnapore Zemindary 65/8.

Debentures : 5 1/2 per cent 1939/47; Dalmia Cement 102/8.

Colombo Quotations

COLOMBO, April 22

Rubber sheet 71, Crepe 72 1/4, Yesterday's closing same. Cocoanut oil f.o.b. 53.500 nominal.

SUSPENSION OF COPRA SALES

COLOMBO, April 22

Copra sales in the sales room of the Cocoanut Board have been suspended under the new emergency regulations. The object of these regulations is to give effect immediately to the new scheme for purchase of Copra and Cocoanut oil by the Government for the British Ministry of Supply.

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 23

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs 118 28 114 30 112/8 42 110/8 49-56 109

Brass sheets Flag Brand to. 20-21 Rs. 102 24 100 28 100 35 94 42 85 49-56 85

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 72 Rosita Rs. 70 Country make Rs. 52 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 29/8 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 82 per qr.

SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 111

Market tone :—Steady.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, April 23

Groundnuts May—			
Opening	41	2	0
Highest	41	7	6
Lowest	41	1	0
Closing	41	4	6
Castorseeds May—			
Opening	42	10	0
Highest	42	12	0
Lowest	42	8	0
Closing	42	12	0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening	23	3	6
Highest	23	5	0
Lowest	23	3	0
Closing	23	5	0

COTTON PARITY

Broach April/May below New York May 1.370 cent points at 331

Broach July/August below New York July 1.319 cent points at 331

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, April 23

Fine White Java per cwt :—

Ready from bonds Rs. 17-8-0 to 18-0-0

Indian :—

Small grain Rs. 20-4-0 to 20-12-0

Large grain Rs. 20-12-0 to 21-4-0

Bulundshs. 21-0-0

Chinai Leesa Rs. 31-0-0

Bombay Group May Delivery Rs. 14.5-0 per Bengal maund.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, April 22

Broach April/May highest 148 lowest 145 closing 147 3/4

Broach July/August highest 166 1/2 lowest 165 closing 165 1/2

Oomra May highest 134 1/4 lowest 133 1/4 closing 133 1/4

Oomra July highest 146 lowest 144 1/2 closing 145 1/2

Bengal May highest 125 1/4 lowest 125 closing 125

Bengal July highest 132 1/4 lowest 132 closing 132 1/4

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, April 23

LONDON :—

Banks buying 90 days/8t 1/6 9/32 2 months

Banks buying 90 days/8t 1/6 5/16 Three months

Banks buying 90 days/8t 1/6 5/16 Four months

B C Rates : T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32. D D 1/6 5/32

NEW YORK :—

Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4; D D Rs 332 3/4

Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2; D D Rs 329 1/2

MONTREAL :—

Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs 297 1/4; D D Rs 297 3/4

BERNE :

Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil

Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil

STOCKHOLM :

Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123

Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128

MEXICO :

Banks selling T T Rs 67.27; D D Rs 66.27

Banks buying T T Rs 63.04; D D Rs 62.04

LISBON :—

Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal; D D Esc 7.35 nominal

Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55

AUSTRALIA :

Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8; D D 1/10 3/8

Banks buying T T nil; D D 1/11 3/8

Tone of Sterling Exchange : Steady

Gold £8-8-0 (Ready)

New York Silver 35 1/8

London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 For sara

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent

Money : Call 1/2 per cent

1 and 2 months 3/4 per cent.

3 to 5 months 1 per cent

6 to 9 months 1 1/4 per cent

Tone :—Steady

Imperial Bank Of India

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 17th April, 1942.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs
CAPITAL :—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each		11,25,00,000
Issued and subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each		11,25 00,000
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid		3,75,00,000
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid		1,87,50,000 5,62,50 000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares		5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund		5,62,50,000
Fixed Deposits, Savings Bank Current and other Accounts		119,34,42,000
Loans against Securities per contra		
Acceptances for Constituents		
Sundries		91,00,000
	Rupees	131,50,42,000
ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS :—		
Government securities	66,66,98,000	
Other Authorised Investments	1,19,20,000	67 86,18,000
ADVANCES :—		
Loans	10,17,45,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	24,32,86,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	4,47,30,000	38,97,61,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		
Head Stock		1,76,91,000
Sundries		74,77,000
Bullion		
CASH :—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	19,77,33,000	
Balances with other Banks	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Rupees	131,50,42,000

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, April 23.

Linseed May	8	11	6
Wheat May	7	9	0

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, April 23.

Wheat May	0	1	6
Linseed May	0	1	6
Gr. Nut May	0	14	0
Castorseed May	1	4	0
Cotton seed May	0	10	0

LIMITED TURNOVER IN YARN MARKET

Bombay, April 22

The yarn market has continued to remain very quiet and lifeless throughout the whole past week. Turnover has been extremely limited in almost all kinds of yarns including Indian yarns as well as foreign yarns. Prices in Indian yarns have declined further to the extent of about half an anna per lb. during the week with a very quiet undertone at the close. Prices in foreign yarns however have been showing signs of improvement on account of shortage of stocks and also due to improved enquiries from consuming centres. The continued decline in Indian yarns is due to several important factors. Cotton prices have been declining for the last several weeks owing to continued nervousness amongst the dealers and consumers as a result of recent unfavourable developments in the war. Dealers are trying to unload their holdings at the market rates and in the absence of buyers for any kinds of Indian yarns in bulk, naturally prices decline as a result of continued pressure of sales. Demand from consuming centres has also been very limited. Madras, Calcutta and all important centies on the East coast of India have been more or less disorganised and there has been practically no demand for any yarns from those important markets. Several Coimbatore mills as well as other mills in the South are very eager sellers of their production both in yarn and cloth but owing to absence of normal trading in the Southern Indian markets and also due to continued pressure of sales combined with the increasing difficulty of booking the goods to internal markets in the country, prices are declining almost every day. Reports from the Punjab are also not now very encouraging owing to increasing stocks in those markets. Scattered enquiries have been noticeable in U.P. C.P., Sind, Gujarat and other markets but the turnover is very limited. As regards Export markets some export of yarn and cloth against old orders are being effected but as fresh business is practically absent stocks with the mills have now begun to increase. On the whole future tendency continues to remain weak and whilst much more will depend upon the developments of the War situation in the next few days and also upon the course of the cotton prices, the situation at the moment does not seem to be more hopeful.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS

Prices in artificial silk yarns as well as in staple fibre yarns have remained very steady owing to improved enquiries from consuming centres and scarcity of stocks in the local market. In case of staple fibre yarns prices have improved to the extent of about annas per lb. with a higher tendency at the close. Future tendency is very hopeful.

INDIAN YARNS.

Turnover on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd. has been considerably restricted and normal business seems to have been practically upset at present owing to the recent unfavourable developments in the War and also due to resultant nervousness. Prices in 20 1/2s for April delivery on the Exchange have declined further to the extent of about Rs. 10 per bale with a weak tendency at the close. Turnover mostly consists of settlements of contracts whereas hardly any fresh business is transacted. There has been no transaction possible in June delivery. Future tendency continues to remain weak.

Indian Sugar Steady

Bombay, April 22.

JAVA SUGAR.

Since our last review, market for Bonded Java sugar has remained dull and depressed with a further decline of Rs. 1/8 per cwt. The business has been almost at a standstill as Export permits from Government of India are not still granted. The Holders are however very firm and prefer to wait as fresh shipments are out of question. Local stocks at present are estimated at 7/8000 tons most of which are sold for shipments as soon as permits are available. Market closed steady.

INDIAN SUGAR

Market for ready Indian sugars continued to remain very firm with a further sharp advance of Rs. 1/4 to Rs. 1/8 per md. This advance has been due to decreased stocks with restricted arrivals. In arrivals market for certain Maharastra mills quality was steadier with improvement 2 to 3 annas per md. due to firmness in ready and mills not willing to sell anything at present unless they are able to despatch goods of outstanding contracts. In May Group market was steadier with improvements of 2 annas per md. while in Gola Group July, there was no interest. Business in forward was extremely restricted owing to Government Control Scheme, the details of which are not still available. Cawnpore market was reported uncertain. There was no business on the Exchange and Agents of the various mills were not making any fresh sales as they have still to fulfill their previous contracts. The Maharastra mills are out of the market as they are unable to secure waggons even for their old contracts, outstanding for several months. Local stocks for ready are very low and there is possibility of further advance until there are fresh arrivals. At the close tone of the market was firm for ready and uncertain for forward.

CALCUTTA & KARACHI.

There was no interest in Java sugar in Calcutta while in Karachi business was chiefly confined to occasional sales for Overseas. For Indian sugar Calcutta market was reported firm owing to some demand from consuming centres and mills not selling anything at present as there is shortage of waggon supplies and they are not able to despatch goods of previous contract. Karachi market was firmer owing to small stocks. Market closed firm.

Consolidated fortnightly statement of sugar production and stocks (by Groups) for the fortnight ending 28-2-42.

Group mills reported 134; production Fortnight ending 2,271,409; Despatches mds. 13,502,249; Closing stocks on 28-3-41 13,502,249; Closing stocks on 28-2-42 17 125,871

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, April 23.

Yellow Metal Sheet	Rs.	95	0 0
Copper Sheets		112	0 0

Tone :—Steady.

SUGAR SYNDICATE WAITS ON GOVERNOR

LUCKNOW, April 23.

A delegation of the Indian Sugar Syndicate waited on H. E. the Governor of the United Provinces to-day invited his attention, it is learnt, to the defects of the price control scheme and impressed upon him the desirability of employing the agency of the Syndicate for regulation of prices and distribution. The Chairman of the Syndicate is also approaching the Commerce Member of the Government of India in this connection.—A. P.

NEW RULE ABOUT SUGAR DELIVERY

NEW DELHI, April 23.

A Gazette of India extraordinary announces that April 30, 1942, has been fixed after which no producer of sugar shall dispose of or agree to dispose of or in pursuance of any agreement entered into on or before that date make delivery of any sugar except (1) to a recognised dealer or (2) to a person specially authorised by the controller to acquire sugar on behalf of the Central Government or of a Provincial Government.—A. P.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

Poona, April 23

The following are the maximum and minimum temperatures up to 8 a.m. on 23rd April, 1942 :—

Calcutta 98 81; Lucknow 108 73; Delhi 106 75; Lahore 103 69; Peshawar 94 65; Karachi 85 76; Nagpur 111 77; Bombay 90 78; Ootacamund 75 55; Poona 102 69; Hyderabad Dn. 106 79; Bangalore 95 74; Trivandrum 88 75; Madras 95 79; Vizagapatam nil; Simla 73 58; Kodaikanal 71 54.—A.P.

Bengal Premier Meets Terrorist Prisoners

DACCA April 22.

The Bengal Premier, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, accompanied by Dr. Shyamaprosad Mookerjee, Finance Minister and Mr. Atul Chandra Sen, M.L.A. met the terrorist prisoners, including those convicted in connection with the Chittagong Armoury Raid, in the Dacca Central Jail to-day, and discussed with them the situation created by the war for about an hour.

Mr. Huq, Dr. Mookerjee and the Nawab Bahadur of Dacca, Minister for Agriculture and Industries, left for riot-affected villages in the district.—A. P.

Latest Commercial

JUTE

New York April 23.

Previous closing	19.62
To-day's opening	19.65
Difference	+.03
To-day's closing	not received

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York April 23.

Following are the New York opening ranges :—

May (19.45/44) 19.48/48

July (19.61/61) 19.66/65

October (19.77/75) 19.83/83

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London April 23.

SEEDS

Castorseed Bombay April/May (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers

Linseed Calcutta April/May (£19 3/4 nominal) £19 1/2 nominal

Linseed La Plata April/May (£20 1/2 quoted) £20 1/2 quoted

Groundnuts Coromandal April/May (East Coast India shipment not quoted £20 1/4

West Coast India shipment) £20 1/4 sellers

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62

Lead (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York April 23.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, April 23.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers

To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers

To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION.

London April 23.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London. April 23.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-6 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers

New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.

4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.

6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York April 23.

The New York Stock Exchange opening prices :—

General Motors (dol 34 3/8) dol 34 1/4

Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 24) dol 24 1/2

United States Steel Commons (dol 47 1/2) dol 47 1/4

United States Steel Preference (unquoted)

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 23.

The Stock Exchange was well maintained to-day.

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, April 23.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 7/32

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

London, April 23.

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £33 1/4

3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 3/4

2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 31/32

4 per cent Funding Loan £114 3/8

3 1/2 per cent War Loan £106 3/8

3 per cent War Loan £100 1/2

4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 7/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 17-0

Marks and Spencer Ordinary 35-6

Electric Music Industry 14-3

Princhin Johnson 20-4 1/2

Imperial Chemical 33-0

Woolsworth Ordinary 31-6

San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £76 1/2

Dundee 24-9

Unilever Ordinary 28-0

Ford Motors 24-6

Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £52

British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 9/16

Carreas 'A' £5 1/8

Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 1/8

P and O Defd 27-10 1/2

Distillers 74-9

Bredfords Dyes 7-1 1/2

British Celanese 7-0

J and P Coates 34-10 1/2

Courtaulds Ordinary 32-9

Fine Cotton Spinners 7-1 1/2

Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-6

Inter Nickel dol 40 1/2

Indian Iron 31-3

TEA SHARES

Assam 10-7 1/2

Donaro Tea 18-9

Empire of India 11-3

JUTE

Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 8-6

Gula Kelanapong 8-1 1/2

Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 11-5

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 15-6

Burma Corporation 3-1 1/2

Rio Tintos £7 3/4

East Rand Properties £1 13/16

Rand Mines £6 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 5/8

Associated Portland Cement 45-0

Trinidad Leasehold 56-10 1/2

Sub-Nigel £5 7/8

Spring Mines Split Share £0 31/32

Union Corporation 122-6

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 36-10 1/2

Anglo-India 38-9

Burma Oil £1 1/2

Mexican Eagle 11-4 1/2

Shell Transport £2

Royal Dutch £14 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £41 1/2

London Midland Ordinary £18 3/8

London North Eastern Defd £1 3/4

London Southern Defd £15

London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2

London Transport "C" £40 1/2

Latest Parliamentary Situation In Assam

SHILLONG, April 23.

Sir M. Saadulla met his former colleagues yesterday at his residence at an informal conference and discussed with them the latest parliamentary situation in the province. He informed those present that the decision about the future course of his action would be taken to-morrow when he would meet them again.

Interviewed by the "Associated Press", Sir Muhammad said that his party commanded an absolute majority in the Assam Assembly and therefore no difficulty now stood in the way of their undertaking the responsibility of forming a Cabinet.—A. P.

HINDU SABHA & ASSAM MINISTRY

BOMBAY, April 23.

The following telegram has been sent by Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, to the Mahasabha leaders in Assam:—

"Any attempt to form new Ministry with Muslim Leaguer at head must be resisted by Hindus in Assam. Nor should Congressites be allowed to betray Hindu interests by Hindu electorate."—United Press.

NON-VIOLENCE FOR PATHANS

Abdul Gaffar Khan's Weapon For All Occasions

PESHAWAR, April 23.

"My advice to the Frontier men is that they should not be confused by individual statements made by some Congress leaders," said Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, replying to a question at a meeting of the Peshawar District Congress Committee, regarding statements made by various Congress leaders at different places. Leaders and workers of all districts in the province were present.

Such speeches and statements, said Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, had caused doubts in the minds of our countrymen. He felt that contradictions arose when one began to think in terms of violence. It was always right for the Pathans, he said, to march along the path of non-violence. He said: "We have been fighting for freedom with this weapon for the last many years with success and we will use the same weapon against anybody else. Let us be ready for the psychological hour which is getting nearer and nearer."

CRIPPS' MISSION CRITICISED

Speaking at a meeting organised on the occasion of 'Martyrs' Day', Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, for the first time after Sir Stafford Cripps' departure to England, referred to the latter's mission, the result of which, he said, had convinced everybody that the British Government were not prepared to part with power. He pleaded for a broader outlook in view of the events in the Far East.

Continuing the Frontier leader advised the Pathans to go to the villages and educate the masses, maintain unity and brotherhood and respect the neighbours.

The speaker reminded the audience of the sacrifices made by the 'martyrs' in 1930 in the cause of the country's freedom and exhorted them to be prepared to make all sacrifices for the same cause.

Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan criticised the Government for complaining of lack of materials at this critical hour without taking pains to industrialise the country adequately during peace times.

Dr. Khan Sahib and Ameer Mahomed Khan, ex-Parliamentary Secretary, and other leaders addressed the meeting.

Earlier a procession was taken out in observance of 'Martyrs' Day'.—United Press.

PRINCES AND DEWANS TO CONFER

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, April 23.

According to reliable reports available here almost simultaneous meetings of the Princes and the Dewans of Kathiawar States are taking place at Jamnagar and Rajkot, respectively. The Resident will preside over the meeting of the Dewans, and matters concerning Defence, acceleration of War efforts, internal security etc., are reported to be likely to be considered. Unfortunately the immediate and greater needs of the people of the Province regarding even and cheaper supply of grain, easing of water scarcity due to weak monsoon and accentuated by large number of refugees and evacuees, do not seem to be the concern of such meetings.

Informed circles lay much stress on the importance of the rulers' meeting at Jamnagar. The natural conclusion of the Jamsaheb presenting the case of the Chamber of Princes, in its different stages, as presented to Sir Cripps, is accepted here. The Princes are also said to be considering the "Aftermath of Cripps' visit", and their future attitude 'vis a vis' any political or constitutional changes taking place now or at a future date.

CHINESE MUSLIM MISSION FOR INDIA

CALCUTTA, April 23.

The well-known Muslim Association of China the Muslim National Salvation Association, has, with the cognisance of the Chinese Government, sent its Secretary, Mr. Othman Woo Kien Hsun, on a tour to establish contacts with all important Muslim countries.

Mr. Othman has arrived in Calcutta with a view to commencing his tour of India.

He is said to have brought with him introductions to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President and Mr. A. R. Siddiqui, Mayor of Calcutta.—A. P.

Ceylon Naval Volunteer Force

COLOMBO, April 18.

From a mere nucleus staff, the Ceylon Naval Volunteer Force has now grown to a sizeable and efficient force. Two-thirds of the officers are Ceylonese while the men are exclusively Ceylonese. This body, which represents Ceylone's exclusive national effort towards the naval protection of this island, is increasingly proving its usefulness at the present time of stress as the maid-of-all-work of the Royal Navy.

Commander W. G. Beauchamp, C. R. N. V. R., the Commanding Officer told "Associated Press" special correspondent to-day that he is very proud of his boys, whose response to the strenuous work devolving on them these days has been excellent.—A. P.



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" "	Paid up	Rs. 29,50,000
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Life Fund	exceeds ..	Rs. 9,00,000
Income	.. .. ..	Rs. 6,40,000

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MILL PRICE FIXING IN N. Y. COTTON MARKET

FURTHER GOVERNMENT COTTON GOODS AWARDS

Upward Trend To Continue Unabated

Bombay, April 23

The New York cotton market was fairly firm and active on Wednesday. There was increased Mill price-fixing against Government orders.

NEW YORK MARKET

Mill price-fixing, local buying and covering were induced by the announcement of further Government cotton goods awards and the prediction by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics that the strong upward pressure of commodity prices will continue unabated. However, the upturn met increased scale-up hedging against Commodity Credit Corporation purchases and liquidation of May option with buying enthusiasm tempered by favourable weekly weather and anti-inflationary uncertainties. The session closed steady.

At the opening July was quoted 6 points up at 19.61 and declined to 19.55 which was the lowest level for the day. Later on there was increased buying and July advanced 11 points from the lowest level. The market closed at a net rise of 5 to 11 points. Spot cotton prices gained 2 points at 21.04c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was steady on improved buying and closed at a rise of 8 to 13 points. Spot cotton prices gained 13 points at 20.07c. per lb.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest (3-53 p.m.) ..... 19.66+11

New York July lowest (10.13 a.m.) 19.55

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Market steady on trade and local buying.

NEW YORK COTTON

	New York, April 22
May	19.45+05
July	19.62+07
October	19.78+08
December	19.87+10
January	19.89+10
March	19.19+11
Middling Spot	21.04+02

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

	New York, April 22
May	19.47+08
July	19.66+12
October	20.01+13
December	20.08+12
January	20.09+12
March	20.20+13
Middling Spot	20.07+13

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL

	New York, April 22
May	19.39
July	19.55
October	19.71

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, April 23

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. New York spot silver was also unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3. The local market was firm with active demand and gold after advancing to Rs. 49 steadied at Rs. 48/12. Silver was also steady. Quotations were as under:

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	48	4 0
Vaishakh		48	8 0
Sovereigns		37	6 0

SILVER

Ready		80	4 0
Vaishakh		76	4 0

LONDON SILVER

London, April 22

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, April 22

Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, April 22

T T London on:—

New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5 voluntary rate 46.55
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON PRODUCE

London, April 22

Rosario Santa Fe April/May quoted 22/7 1/2
Barletta Russo April/May quoted ... 22/1 1/2
Australian Wheat April/May quoted ... 27/6

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 23

The market continued to rule with a cheerful sentiment with prices showing a steady upward trend. Tata Deferreds advanced to 1287-8 and Tata Ordinaries to 244. Bombay Dyeings jumped to 1057-8. Indian Irons were quoted better at 23-4.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1240) 1270 1260 1287-8
Tata Ordinaries (235) 236 244
Tata Ordinary 244; Tata Deferred 1287/8; Indian Iron 23/4; Steel Corpn of Bengal 13/8; Bombay Dyeing 1057/8; Central India 315; Century 366/4; Gokak 240; Kohinoor 402/8; Simplex 147; Andhra Valley 1455; Tata Hydro 150; Tata Power 1350; Associated Cement 157; Belapur 221.14; Bombay Burma (old) 200.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 22

Stock Exchange inclined brighter to-day with Kaffirs good especially developers on Cape support and Blyvoors particularly stimulated by encouraging quarterly report. Oils also in request, with Anglo-American advancing three-thirty seconds. Giltedged firmly held encouraged by new savings bonds issue. Industrials however tended easier under lead Tobaccos with other leaders marked few pence lower. Wall Street quiet.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 22

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£64
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£101 7/32
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£83 1/4
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 3/4
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£106 3/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£114 3/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£113 7/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£5 9/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	£49
National Bank of India	£20

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 23

Following a rise of 7 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened today at Rs. 166 for Broach J/A delivery but there being no demand prices gradually sagged to Rs. 164/12 under scattered selling. At the decline there was some covering and prices improved to Rs. 165/8. The market was steady at this level but trading remains restricted. To-day there was increased short covering in Broach A/M delivery which resulted in narrowing difference and was quoted at Rs 150/8. Thereafter the market was quiet.

There was active covering in a narrow market and Broach J/A rose to Rs. 168. At this level there was renewed liquidation and prices reacted to Rs. 166/12. The market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

BROACH April/May	Rs	151 12 0
BROACH July/August		157 0 0
OOMRA May		134 12 0
OOMRA July		147 0 0
BENGAL May		125 12 0
BENGAL July		132 12 0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, April 23.

	Extra Spr-fine	Sup	Fine	F Good	Good
M G Bengal U.P ...	132	129	126	123	
M G Punjab ...	132	129	126	123	
M G Rajputana ...	138	135	132	129	
M. G. Oomra No. 3	140	137	134	131	..
M G. C. P. No. 1	170	167	164	161	..
M. G. C. P. No. 2	152	149	146	143	..
M. G. Broach No. 2 ...	155	152	149	146	
M. G Punjab-Ameri ...	230	227	224	221	
M. G. Surat ...	300	297	294	291	
M. G. Rajpipla ...	295	292	289	286	
M. G. Navsari ...	305	302	299	296	

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay April 23.

	Old.	Ready
Bengal Fine	115-18	127/30
Berar	115-18	135/38
C. P. 1	125-28	165/67
C. P. 2	119-21	143/45
Khandesh	92-98	118/21
Mugtai	102-10	126/28
Broach	110-15	150/52
Broach Low	95-102	

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, April 23

Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.

	Yesterday	This year	Last year.
Khandesh	422	76,370	97,048
Central India	15	29,669	132,871
Barsi and Nagar	183	52,310	105,415
Hyderabad/Gaorani	...	14,471	38,709
Berar	239	175,664	348,290
Central Provinces	20	85,830	74,363
Total Oomras	879	434,314	796,697
Dholeras	.....	30,639	73,053
N.-W. Provinces	.....	1,021	1,306
Rajputana	.....	402	5,351
Sind-Punjab	64	395,102	474,015
Broach	1,089	306,073	157,044
Coompta & Dharwar	779	10,724	61,831
Westerns-Northerns	.....	8,643	54,759
Cocoanada	.....	.....	239
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	103	10,479	2,075
Arr. by road to 16th April 42	.....	92,500	273,133

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, April 23

2 3/4 per cent 1948-52	93
3 1/2 per cent G. P Notes	88/8
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan	94/0
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan	95/1
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan	103/1
4 per cent 1945 Bonds	101/12
3 per cent War Bonds	97/13
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan	97/8
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan	107/8

TAX FREE LOANS

6 per cent 1945/55 Loan	106/1
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore	112
5 per cent 1965 Mysore	122

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T	1947 97/8
4 per cent M Deb	1947 101/12
5 per cent M Deb	1959 108/8
5 per cent M Deb	1964 120
5 per cent K P T	1956 115

Tone:—Steady. Rates nominal.

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Steel Shares Very Steady

Bombay, April 23

The local market was fairly steady today with an improved demand for Steel shares which hardened. Cotton Mill shares were steady with a restricted business. Tata Steel Defd shares opened at Rs. 1260 and after advancing to Rs. 1270 reacted to Rs. 1260. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 235 and improved to Rs 239. In forward there was scattered buying and Defds were placed at Rs. 1375 and Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 250. Bombay Dyeing shares were quoted at Rs. 1015. Century Mill shares were quoted at Rs 352. Gokak Mill shares were done at Rs. 240. Kohinoors changed hands at Rs. 410 and Nagpurs were done at Rs. 320. Bellapur shares were placed at Rs. 221 and Associated Cement shares were quietly steady at Rs. 156/8.

Wall Street market was preoccupied with lower dividends and developments for which the market has been adjusting itself and most leaders favoured the downside slightly although a good deal of see-saw action occasionally swung their from plus to minus. U. S Steel shares declined 1/8 at 47 3/8 and Anaconda Copper shares were unchanged at 24 5/8. General Motors closed 1/8 down at 34 1/8 dollars.

TEXTILES

Bombay, April 23

100	Ahmedabad Advance	298	12
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1060	0
100	CENTURY	356	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	317	0
100	Colaba X D.	140	0
100	Coorla	105	0
250	Dawn	627	8
250	David	300	0
1	E D Sassoon Defd	2	6
100	FINLAY	177	0
100	GOKAK	246	0
1000	Hindustan	2282	8
100	Indore	235	0
100	Khatau	217	8
100	KOHINOOR X.D.	405	0
250	LAXMI	700	0
100	Madhusudan	320	0
100	MORARJI	470	0
250	Model X.D.	206	12
50	MYSORE	126	0
200	NEW GREAT X.D.	225	0
100	Podar X. D.	177	8
100	Phoenix	385	0
25	Sassoon Silk	81	0
1000	Sholapur	5000	0
50	SIMPLEX	155	0
100	SWADESHI	394	0
100	SWAN	180	0
500	Vishnu	1550	0
1000	Western	1500	0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda X.D.	103	0
25-50	Central India X.D.	40	0
500	Imperial	1415	0
125-500	Imp. Cont.	350	0
50-100	India X. D.	130	0
100	RESERVE BANK	95	0
5	Union X. D.	5	14

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED X. D.	157	0

INSURANCE

15-75	New India	42	0
100	Empire	700	0
15-100	Jupiter	13	0
20	Mercantile	60	0
200	Oriental	3500	0
10-50	Vulcan	7	14

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmedabad Old X.D.	165	0
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1510	0
10	Ajmer	13	1
50	BOMBAY TRAMS	129	0
100	Bombay Suburban	160	0
10	Broach	14	0
100	Karachi	195	0
100	Poona X. D.	215	0
100	Surat	172	0
100	TATA HYDRO	153	0
1000	TATA POWER	1357	8

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij X. D.	852	8
100	C. Province	103	0
100	Dhond Baramati	104	4
100	Gujarat	102	0
100	Mandra Bhon	100	0
100	Pachora Jamner	92	8
100	Sara Sirajganj	96	8

MININGS

9	Burma Corporation	1	10 6
2sh.	Indian Copper	1	10 6
10	Indian Iron and Steel	23	0
10	SHIVRAJPUR	22	2
10	Mukund Iron	13	15
30	TATA STEEL DEFD	1375	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD	257	0
10	Steel Corporation	13	8

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	425	0
10	Air Services	3	0
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	218	0
200	Bombay Safe Deposit	650	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	316	0
125	B. BURMA	200	0
50	Contributory	68	0
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	1	2
100	IND. BLEACHING	140	0
50	Ind. Invest. Trust X.D.	44	8
100	Indian Radio Def	350	0
100	Indian Radio Ord	340	0
100	Port Canning	72	0
30	PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	107	8
15	Scindia	17	10
25	Tata Oil	45	4
24	Tata Chemical	13	2
100	Wimco	202	8

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1502	0
6	p.c Bom. Steam	317	8
7	p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.) X.D. ...	70	4
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	670	0
6 1/4	p.c. Premier Const. 1st X.D. ...	116	8
6 1/4	p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D.	104	0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	142	0
7 1/2	per cent Tata Power X.D.	1525	0
6	per cent Tata Steel 1st	121	4
7 1/2	per cent Tata Steel 2nd	118	8
7	p.c. Vishnu	715	0

DEBENTURES

4	p.c. Andhra Valley Deb.	100	4
4	p.c Bom Telephone	48	0
5	p.c. Morarji	103	0
5	p.c. Sholapur	71	8
4	p.c Tata Power Deb.	105	8

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SUPPOSE you are one of the hundred or so out of Bombay's million population to get the worst of a raid. First of all, stay under cover—you are much more likely to be hurt if you don't. It can only be a minute or two before the Wardens come running. If no one comes within five minutes, send *one* man to fetch the nearest Warden. Police, or Civic Guard. If any one is hurt in your building, the messenger can also bring help from the nearest First-Aid Post.

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Look for this sign

FIRST-AID SERVICE

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AID TO THE HOMELESS

If your house is destroyed, the Warden will guide you to the nearest safe place, and, when the All-Clear Siren sounds, you will be sent to a Rest Centre where food and clothing will be provided if you need them.



FIRE — COLLAPSED BUILDINGS

When you are taking shelter from a raid, you must take careful note of those who are sheltering with you. At least you must know exactly what your numbers are. Then, if fire or explosion drive you out, the Warden in charge can report to FIRE or RESCUE SERVICE how many remain trapped in the flames or fallen debris.

At all costs, avoid reporting people missing who are not. You will keep vital rescue help from someone else if you give false reports.

YOU CAN LEARN MORE FROM YOUR A.R.P. WARDEN

A.R.P. WARDEN'S POST

Meet him at the nearest Warden Post between 6.0 & 9.0 p.m. any evening.

After the All-Clear Siren has sounded—a prolonged note on one pitch:

DON'T go near broken electric cables or gas-mains

DON'T crowd round Fire-fighters or Rescue Workers

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"Defence Responsibility Is Of India's Peoples"

MAKE IT A PEOPLE'S WAR—TO WIN IT—EXHORTS 'C. R.'

"Japan Facing Certain Defeat If It Invades India"

MADRAS, April 23.

If the Japanese made the mistake of invading India, they would find their entire strength swallowed up, they would meet with certain defeat and that would be their end, declared Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, ex-Premier, speaking at a meeting in Vepery, under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A.

While he thought the danger of an invasion was neither great nor imminent, Mr. Rajagopalachari agreed with General Wavell that it was there—distant and clear. He incidentally paid a tribute to General Wavell who, he said, thoroughly and ably explained the present situation in his broadcast. The speaker had nothing to add to what the Commander-in-Chief had said, and asked the people to read and re-read the speech, which contained in excellent English what he himself had been saying in Tamil all these days from different platforms.

BE AT YOUR POST

Mr. Rajagopalachari emphasised what General Wavell had said, that everybody should be at his post, officials and non-officials, British as well as Indian. The enemy's intention was not to cause loss of life, but to lower the morale of the people. If after a raid the enemy found that the people had not panickyed but were at their posts, he would be foiled and would not attempt a raid again or waste bombs. Their post was the post of courage and the post of morale. While the speaker would ask them to take cover and not to run needlessly into danger, he would urge them not to run into panic either.

The speaker here referred to the evacuation of people and said that there was no difference of opinion on this point between him and Mahatma Gandhi. "We need not have unnecessary and useless crowds in cities and towns. When blind death goes about in crowds, it is better not to put too many in the target. But if you are necessary in any place, remain there."

DEFENCE RESPONSIBILITY

Adverting to the question of defence, Mr. Rajagopalachari disagreed with General Wavell and said the defence responsibility was of the peoples of India and not his. General Wavell was concerned with the defence of another people, though indirectly it might be self-defence. But for us it was wholly self-defence. One's spirit was stronger when one was defending oneself than when one was defending someone else. He wanted everyone of them to feel that the war was one in which their own kith and kin were engaged, and that they should give no quarter to the invader. While it was true that some young men, in spite of the lack of a political solution and a National Government, had shown bravery and joined the forces, Mr. Rajagopalachari felt that a National Government alone would make the war understandable to each and everyone of the people. Then alone the enemy's attempts could be effectively frustrated.

MAKE IT A PEOPLE'S WAR

If the people did not stand up to it, the responsibility would be far too much and even the British army led by an old and skilled general like General Wavell would find it very hard to carry on if the people were not in it and quickly too. There was, therefore, no use delaying and postponing such a consummation and making the war a people's war.

Proceeding, he said if they could defend India without a political solution, he would say, "By all means let us do it." But it was just not possible. He would not ask for political solution now if it had not been necessary in the law of nature—not as a political bargain. A people could not be galvanised without a powerful motive force.

"We must all pray for some good sense to dawn upon our people as well as the British, and then we will have a National Government, here, there and everywhere, in every village," he concluded.—A. P.

LET GANDHIJI AND JINNAH MEET

Plea For Establishing National Govt. Before It Is Too Late

NEW DELHI April 22.

"We must at least do everything in our power to bring reasonable Hindus and Muslims to work unitedly for the period of the war", urged Mr. S. Satyamurti addressing a public meeting this evening at Nehru Park, New Delhi.

"If", he said, "Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah can and will meet for this very limited purpose, keeping bigger questions aside for the present, I think there will be a psychological revolution in the country.

"Whatever the Government may or may not do, whatever our leaders may or may not do, we the people of India have got certain very clear duties to perform now. I respectfully agree with Mahatma Gandhi that there is no cowardice in people, whose services are not wanted, leaving places of danger quietly But they must go and settle in villages and do something for the good of the villages.

"Let Britain and America make no mistake about it. The people of India to-day are not behind the war effort of the Government of India to the extent they ought to be. They must be roused from their apathy and fear and the hostile attitude towards the British Government. It can be done only by a National Government and it is already very late. It may soon become too late. It is therefore up to all concerned to bring about a state of affairs when India will fight and help to win this war and survive as a free nation among the free nations of the world".—A. P.

ONLY AN INDIAN DEFENCE MEMBER CAN DO IT

In a statement to "Daily Herald", London, Dr. M. R. Jayakar says:

"I am not inclined to regard the failure of the Cripps' mission as the last word in the matter. India is pulsating with the desire to fight aggression and this has to be made effective by transferring power to Indian hands. England and America will have beforelong to discover a fresh formula for this purpose and thus to mobilise this nation-wide longing.

Many mistakes were made causing failure of the Cripps' mission these need not be detailed here. It will be wise to avoid them when a fresh attempt at reconciliation is made. The pressure of the war and of public opinion in India is far too insistent to be ignored long.

Perhaps the debate in the House of Commons on the return of Sir Stafford Cripps and the critical review of the work he did will indicate that points of difference have been narrowed down and reduced to a small compass There is every reason to hope that these differences will be bridged over by His Majesty's Government parting with real power so as to create a nation wide feeling in India that the war is for India's own freedom and not to help the British to retain a conquered possession. A vast store-house of fighting strength remains untapped in India's indomitable youth. Only an Indian Defence Member can tap it. Will England allow a National Government to do this and thereby to achieve victory?

Tarzan And Party Stay At Metro



Betty Grable in "I Wake Up Screaming" at Regal.



Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'sullivan stay at Metro.

REAL HUMAN STORY COMING TO REGAL

"How Green Was My Valley" For Next Friday

Next Friday, 1st May, Twentieth Century-Fox presents, "How Green Was My Valley" at the Regal Theatre, Bombay.

"How Green Was My Valley" is based on Richard Llewellyn's best selling novel, and was recently elected by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as the best picture of the year, and in addition won five other awards for the best direction by John Ford, and best achievements in art direction, cinematography and interior decoration, whilst Donald Crisp won the award as the best supporting player.

Twentieth Century-Fox acquired the film rights to Richard Llewellyn's great novel of the Welsh coal miners after out-bidding virtually every other studio in Hollywood. The record price paid for the book has been more than justified the screen production. For what the movie-going public will see is a great book brought to life, glowing with poignant drama that is presented with a magnificence and fascination that defies description. All the wonderful characterization of the Llewellyn novel its vivid scenes, the power of its drama, its haunting charm have been captured in bringing the story to the screen.

Darryl F Zanuck, who produced the picture courageously undertook a monumental task to bring to the screen this great novel which has become a greater motion picture —a picture which undoubtedly will take its place among the greatest productions of all time.

"How Green Was My Valley" is a great human story different from anything you have ever seen on the screen. It is full of sympathetic appeal, and drama for every kind and age of motion picture spectator.

'I WAKE UP SCREAMING' AT REGAL

Betty Grable, Carole Landis And Victor Mature Featured

20th Century-Fox's "I Wake Up Screaming", stamps Betty Grable, Victor Mature and Carole Landis as Hollywood's three most exciting people.

Sensational was the word used for Betty; now "It" man was what they called Victor; terrific was the description of Carole.

It is a thrilling, spine-freezing mystery drama. Based on Steve Fisher's novel, "I Wake Up Screaming", it tells a story that will hold the audience spellbound.

Mature as a promoter, Alan Nowbray as an actor and Allyn Joslyn as a newspaper columnist select Carole, waitress, as the girl they are going to glamorize and make the darling of cafe society. The plan succeeds, and Carole is offered a Hollywood contract which she accepts without consulting her backers. The next day she is found murdered.

Mature is really on the spot, because detective Laird Cregar has decided to prove that he is the killer. Betty meanwhile has fallen for Vic although he is suspected of murdering her sister, and she hides evidence which apparently adds to his guilt.

Together Vic and Betty learn the real murderer, and make the detective accept the truth in the most amazing denouement ever shown on the screen.

Betty Grable and Carole Landis are again excellent as two beautiful sisters. Victor Mature, in his first film since his success on the Broadway stag shows the superb talent which made him the toast of New York. Fine support is given by the featured cast which also includes Willam Gargan.

H. Bruce Humberstone has directed a suspense-filled picture from the exciting screen play by Dwight Taylor Milton Sperling was the producer

"Louis Pasteur" At Opera House

"The Story of Louis Pasteur" the magnificent biographical film starring Paul Muni with Anita Louise, Donald Wood and a Superb cast will be screened at the Opera House on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. at half rate admission prices.

Special Show For Woman—"Doctor"

By insistent demand from the ladies of Bombay and Suburbs, there will be a Special Zenana Show at 1 p.m. on Thursday, when New Theatres' "DOCTOR" featuring Bharati Devi, Jyoti Prakash, Panna, Ahin Chowdhury etc. will be shown.

"Kit Carson" At Capitol

Edward Small's "Kit Carson", an epic of frontier life and bravery, concerns the adventures of Kit Carson, the famous Indian-fighter, in the days when America was young. The film features Jon Hall in the title role, with Lynn Bari, Dana Andrews, Ward Bond Harold Huber, Clayton Moore and Rowena Cook.

The story opens on a note of excitement when Jon Hall, as Kit Carson, together with Harold Huber and Ward Bond as his companions Ape and Lopez, are attacked by a band of marauding Indians. The friends manage to escape, and return to Fort Bridger, where they are met by General Fremont, played by Dana Andrews. Fremont tells Carson that he is the only man who could possibly guide his party through the dangerous Indian country to the promised land or California

Carson refuses, because of the danger to the women and children in the party but his mind is changed when he meets Dolores Murphy, one of the group, played by the beautiful and talented Lynn Bari Fremont and Kit Carson do not get along well, since the former is also fond of Dolores, but the two men try to bury their differences in the face of the common danger. In addition to Indians, the expedition is plagued by the villainous attacks of Castro, crafty Military Governor in Monterey, California.

The adventures with redskins and the forces of the treacherous Castro encountered enroute to California, furnish the vividly thrilling action of the story. The warm human interest of the rivalry over Dolores adds a compelling touch of the exciting adventures of the courageous band of pioneers. The picture comes to a bang-up conclusion with a pitched battle between Castro's men and the forces under Fremont a battle in which Carson and his companions play a prominent role. Ape and Lopez giving their lives for their country.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO.

On Sunday, April 26th at 10 a.m. James Stewart and Heddy Lamarr in "Come Live With Me" a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture.

SUNDAY SHOW AT REGAL

"Johnny Apollo," starring Dorothy Lamour and Tyrone Power will be screened at Regal, at 10-30 a.m.

'SKY LARK' AT NEW EMPIRE

'Sky Lark' featuring Claudette Colbert will be shown at New Empire from to-day.

"KITTY FOYLE" AT PALACE

One of the most-discussed current novels is brought to the screen with brilliant realism and honesty with Ginger Rogers in the stellar role in "Kitty Foyle", Christopher Morley's remarkable novel,—a compelling study of a spirited working girl and her colourful career. This picture is at Palace this week.

'TARZAN'S SECRET TREASURE' FOR SECOND WEEK

Metro Shows Johnny And Maureen In New Glory

Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan have come once again as man and spouse in the newest Tarzan picture at Metro The picture is continued there for second week.

Their usual associate, Cheeta the ape, a flock of elephants and their young screen boy are also there to provide a lot of fun. This is the fifth time that Johnny Weissmuller is appearing in these Tarzan pictures and he has decided not to appear in any full dress part.

It is good fun for children, now enjoying their holidays who will be particularly pleased with the beautiful son of the Tarzan and his Negro friend.

V. Shantaram's Third Production "Knock Of Fate"

The subject matter of Shantaram's third documentary film for The Films of India to be locally released this week is a lively one; it deals with the popular campaign for Victory, its origin and the heartening effect it has created all over.

The Nazi hordes have swept over Europe; they have suppressed the people with their brutal might, but have not been able to crush their will. All over Europe, a wave of revolt is surging, and a voluntary army of Europe's Fifth Column has arisen to make a stand against the enemy, who has destroyed their homes and robbed them of their liberty. The expression of their spirit is V for Victory, Victory for the Royal Air Force and Victory for the democracy.

In India too, the country has taken to V, as a symbol of our Victory and to-day wherever you go you are faced with a V—V that inspires confidence in our ultimate Victory over the enemy.

This short film is directed by Mr. B. Mitra.

Jawaharlal's Message On Screen

The Films of India are releasing this week-end, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's message in Hindustani and English at Metro, Regal, Eros, Excelsior, Capitol, New Empire, Palace, Roxy, Imperial, West End, Minerva, Royal Opera House, Aurora, Kohinoor, Super, Lamington, Hind-Mata and Chitra.

The short film has been produced by V. Shantaram.

SUNDAY SHOW AT CAPITOL.

"Storm in the Tea Cup", featuring Vivien Leigh and Rex Harrison will be screened at Capitol on Sunday, at 10-30 a.m.

War Won't Last Long

It Will End Sooner In Europe Than Far East

NEW YORK, April 23.

Prince Bernhard told a press conference at the Netherlands Club here on Wednesday that he did not believe that the war would not last long, and that it would end sooner in Europe than in the Far East. He was accompanied by Princess Juliana.—Reuter.

ENEMY DEFENCE WORKS BLOWN UP

BOMBAY, April 22.

A Tokyo broadcast, intercepted here last night revealed that on Monday noon, a group of Chinese guerilla fighters in three groups, entered Canton city, where they threw a number of handgrenades on the Japanese controlled telephone Exchange buildings, says a message from Chungking.

Meanwhile, Chinese military reports, reaching here last night, indicated that a Chinese unit carried out daring raids on Japanese positions north of Yuchow in the Hunan province last Tuesday morning. The Chinese blew up an important enemy defence works along the railway, besides taking 30 Japanese prisoners.

Further north, the Chinese destroyed seven Japanese truck, and killed and wounded more than a hundred Japanese soldiers. At another point, a Japanese unit was dispersed when ambushed by the Chinese troops.

The Japanese appear to have been intensifying their air activity over China during the last few days, says a message from Chungking.

Yesterday morning, 36 Japanese war planes attacked Suianhsien in the Chekiang province. Five other machines flew over Lungwhuan in the same province. However, no casualties were reported, while damage done was believed to be slight.—A. P.

REALIGNMENT OF S.-W. PACIFIC NAVAL COMMANDS

WASHINGTON, April 23.

A realignment of the South-West Pacific Naval Commands, parallel with the reorganisation of the army Command under General MacArthur, is forecast in authoritative circles here. It is understood that the changes will include the appointment of Vice-Admiral Robert Ghormley, naval observer in London, as Chief of the New Zealand area, which will give Admiral Ghormley an effective direction under Admiral Nimitz, the United States Commander-in-Chief of the important South Central Sector of the America-Australia supply line.

Under the revised "set-up", it was indicated that General MacArthur's Supreme Command might or might not cover land operations in New Zealand, but general strategy in that area would be determined by Admiral Ghormley under Admiral Nimitz.

30 FR. HOSTAGES TO DIE

MOSCOW, April 22.

As a result of an explosion which took place in a transport train on April 16th near Rouen, German occupation authorities have sentenced to death 30 French hostages and issued an order that 80 more will be sentenced to death if perpetrators are not found by April 23rd, says the Moscow radio quoting Geneva reports.

A thousand Frenchmen will also be sent to Eastern Europe, the radio adds.—Reuter.

NAHAS JUSTIFIES ALY MAHER'S ARREST

Declaration To Stand By Britain

CAIRO, April 22.

The chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 185 votes against 5 with six abstentions after the Premier, Nahas Pasha had wound up the debate on the arrest of the ex-Premier Aly Maher which Nahas justified under the provisions of Martial Law.

Nahas Pasha declared:—"Not merely as the Prime Minister of Egypt but as Leader of the Nation, I say our policy is and has always been to spare Egypt the miseries of war. I will never take any action calculated to lead Egypt into war nor would I countenance any such policy nor will I provide the Allied Armies with Egyptian man-power. At the same time I am loyal to the Treaty of Friendship and Alliance between Egypt and Great Britain, both in the letter and spirit. Nor will I tolerate any action by any Egyptian of a nature to endanger in any way the military security of our Ally or give cause for any anxiety to those now fighting for the very existence of Democracy and Freedom. That is my policy. I want our Ally to know this, I want the troops of our Ally and the Allies of our Ally to know this, at a time when they are facing the utmost hardships in the field far away from their homes and their kin in defence of the cause of Truth and Justice".—Reuter.



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